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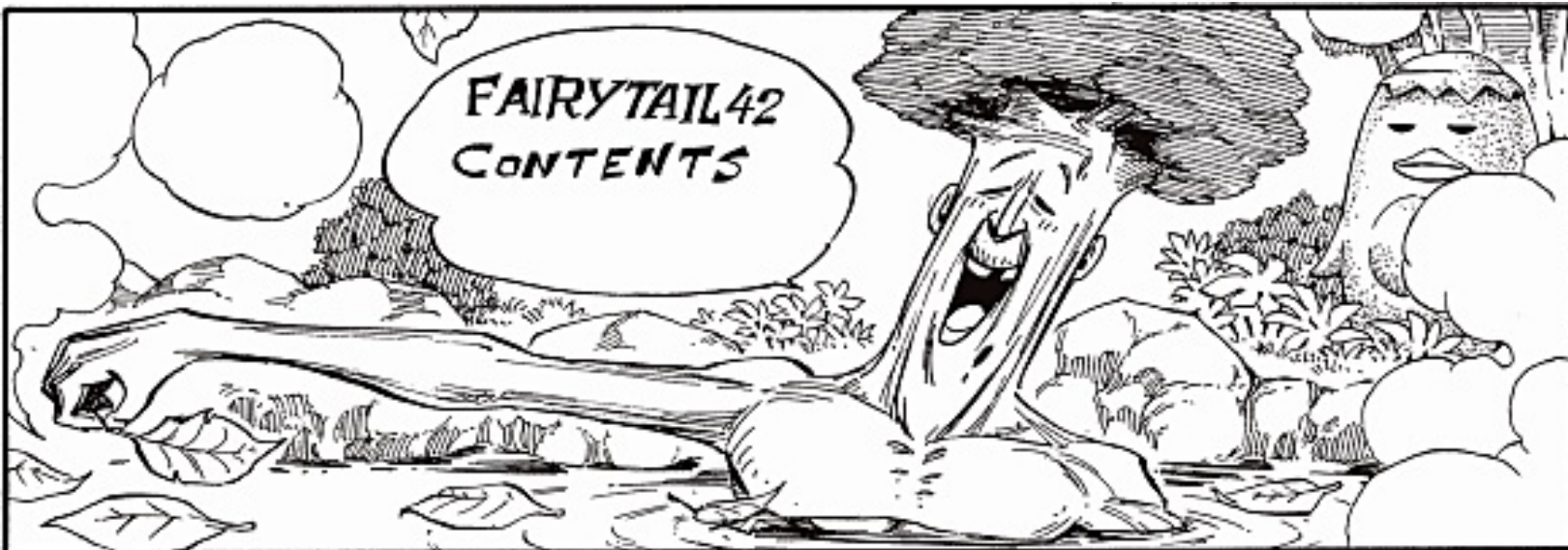
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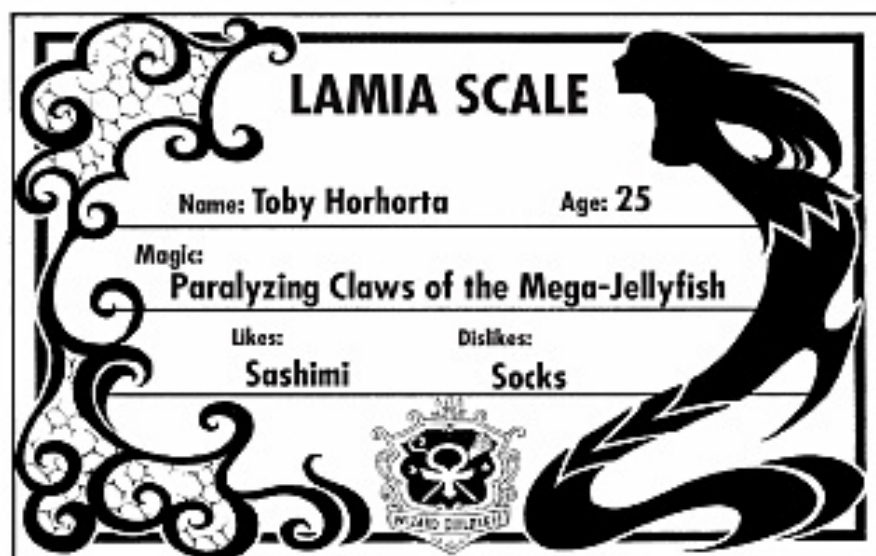
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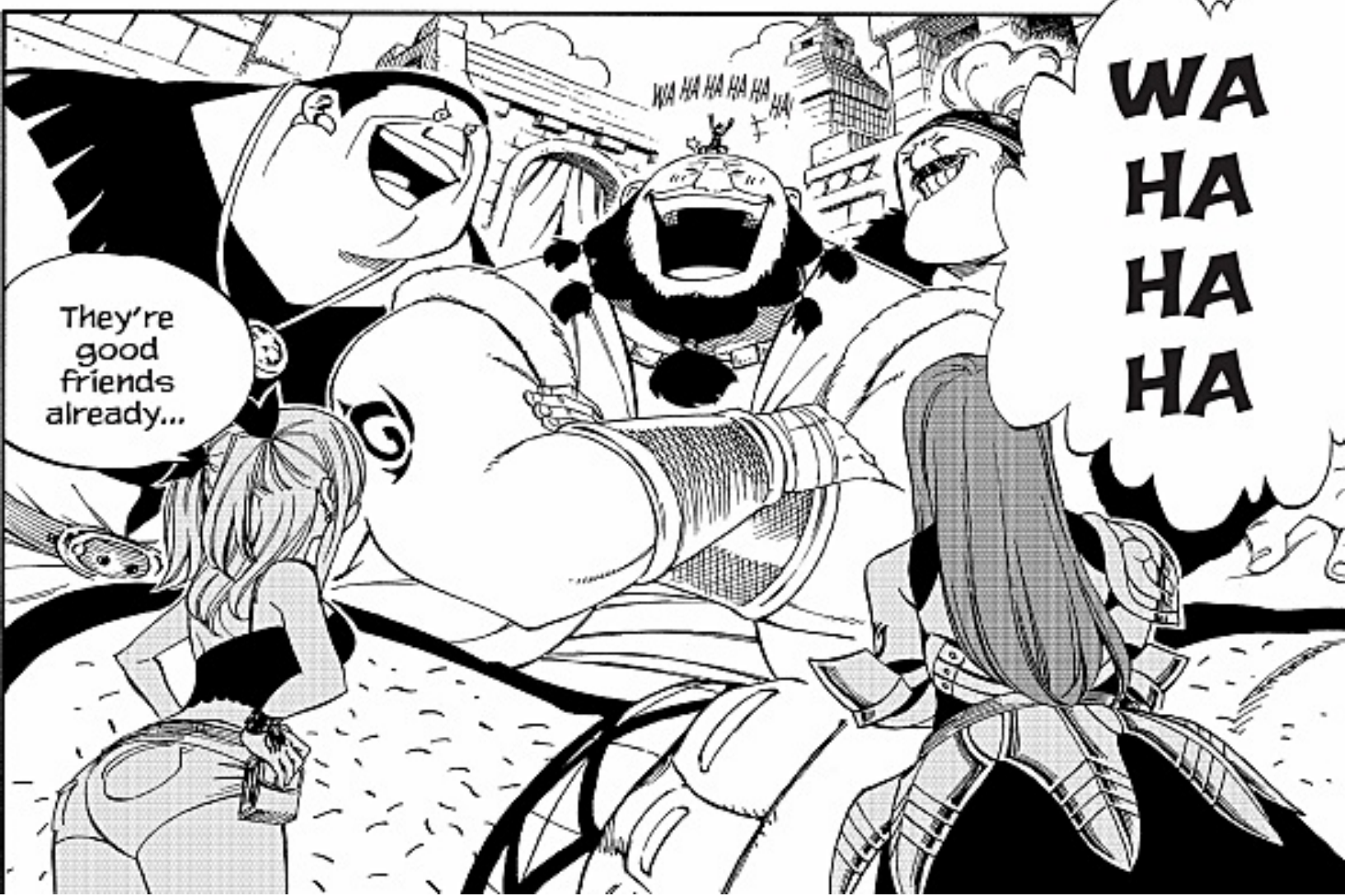
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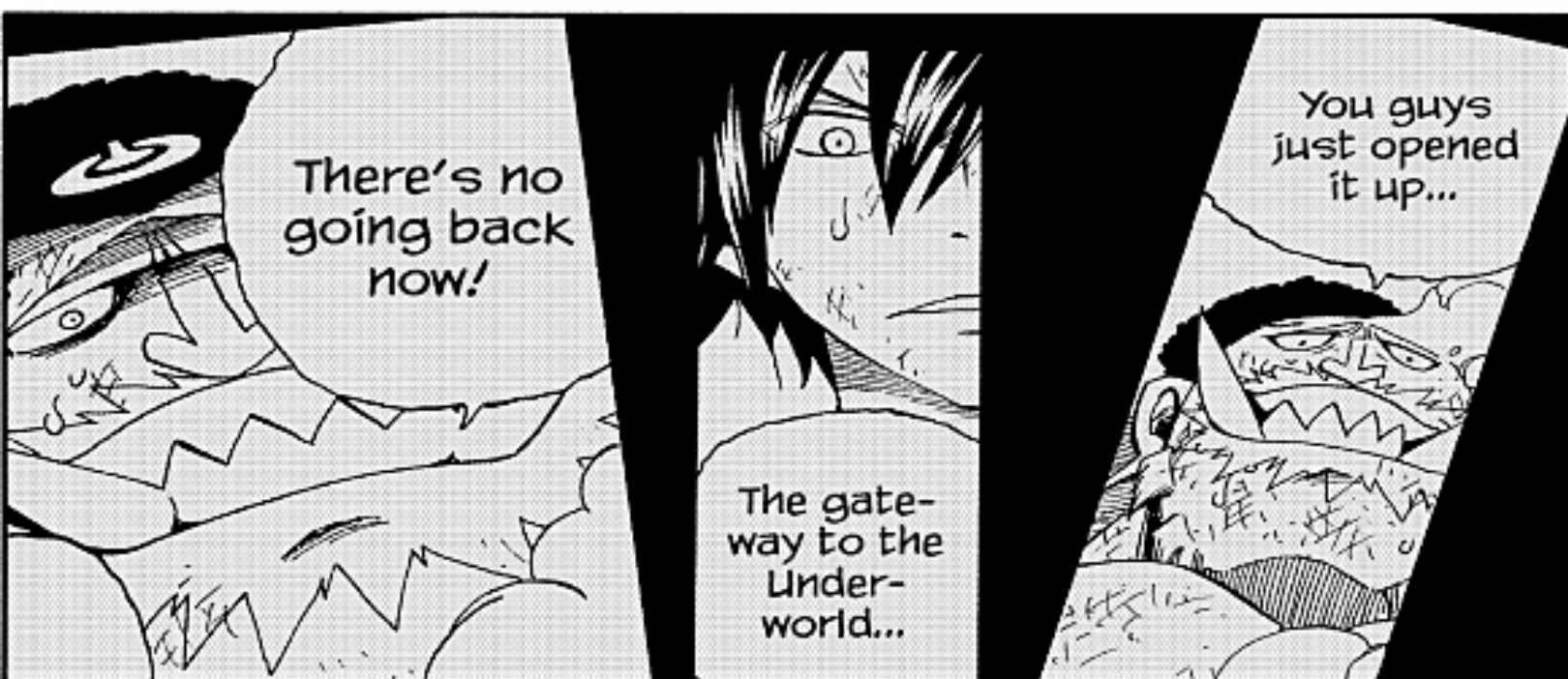
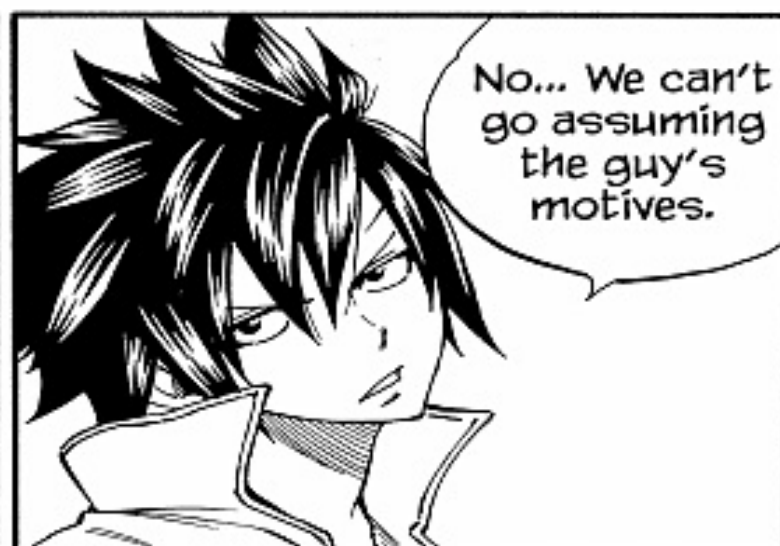
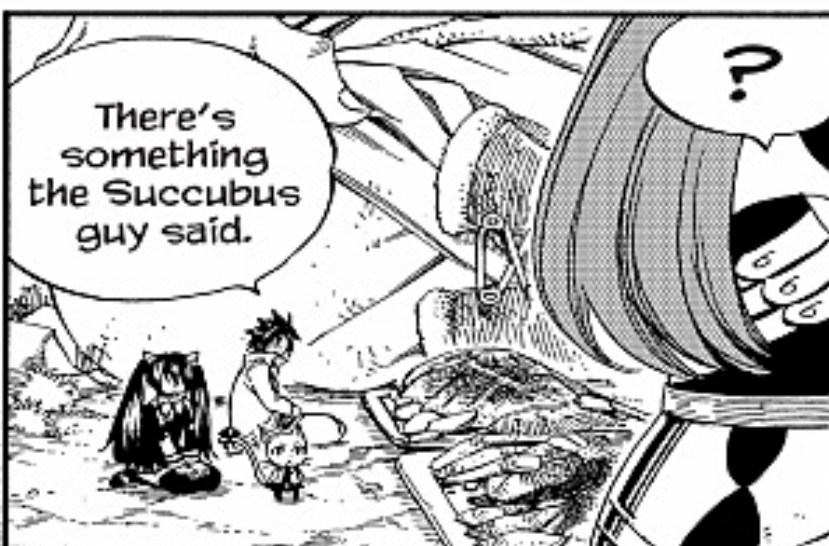


Remarks

Normally, he seems rather cheerful, but he has a history of suddenly getting angry for no good reason. Still, he is one of the more capable wizards in Lamia, helping lead the guild to second place in last year's Grand Magic Games even though Lyon and Jura did not take part.

He spent three months looking for a lost sock only to have it torn apart by Kurohebi of Raven Tail during a match in the Games. After that, they say he soon lost his other sock.





Members from one of its subordinate guilds, Succubus Eye, were placed here on guard duty.

I'll bet the wizard behind it belongs to Tartaros.

Eee!!

So, Tartaros?!!

Aye, sir!

Yeah... But anyway, we got the job done!

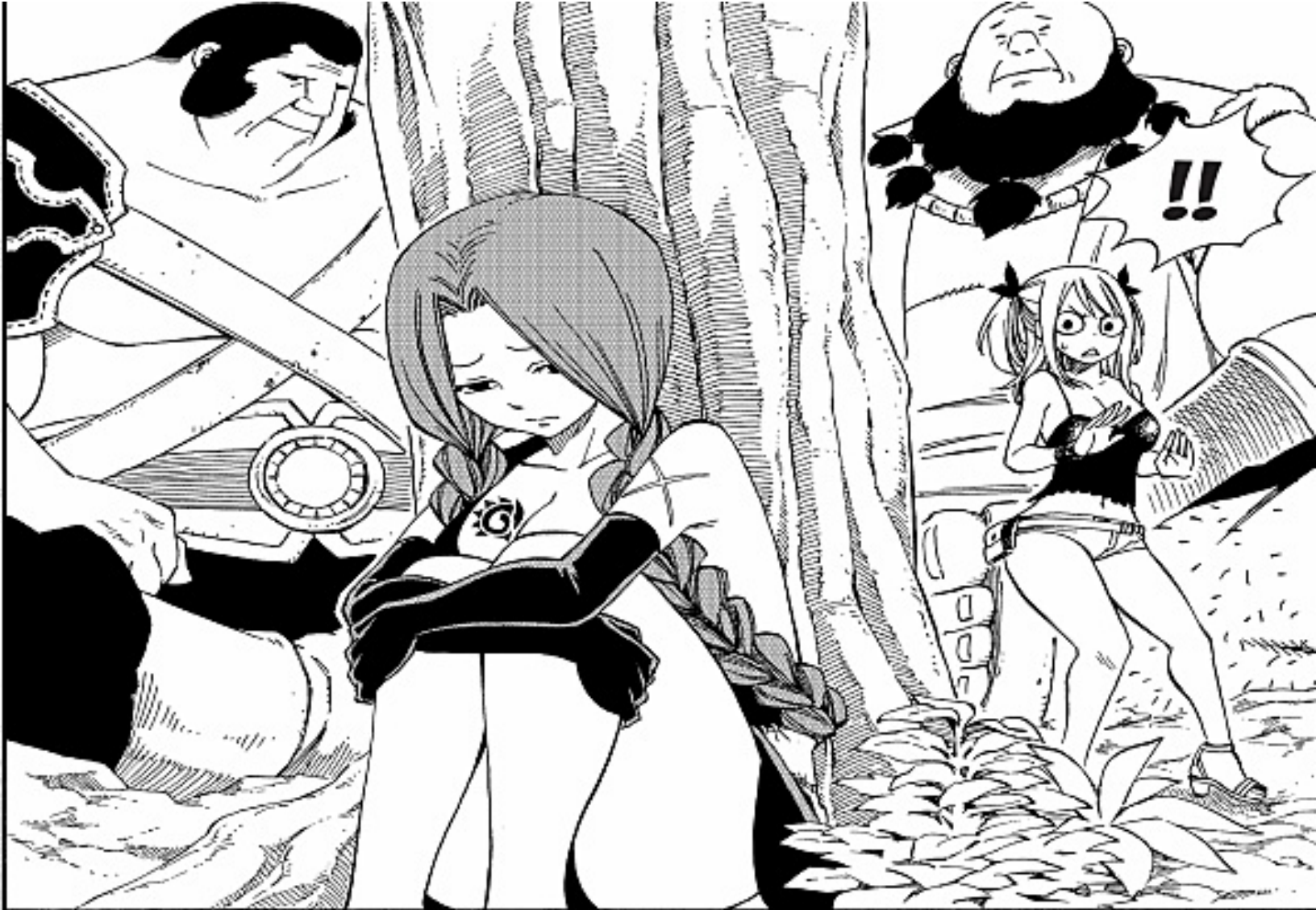
Maybe... It feels like there's *something else* behind the attack.

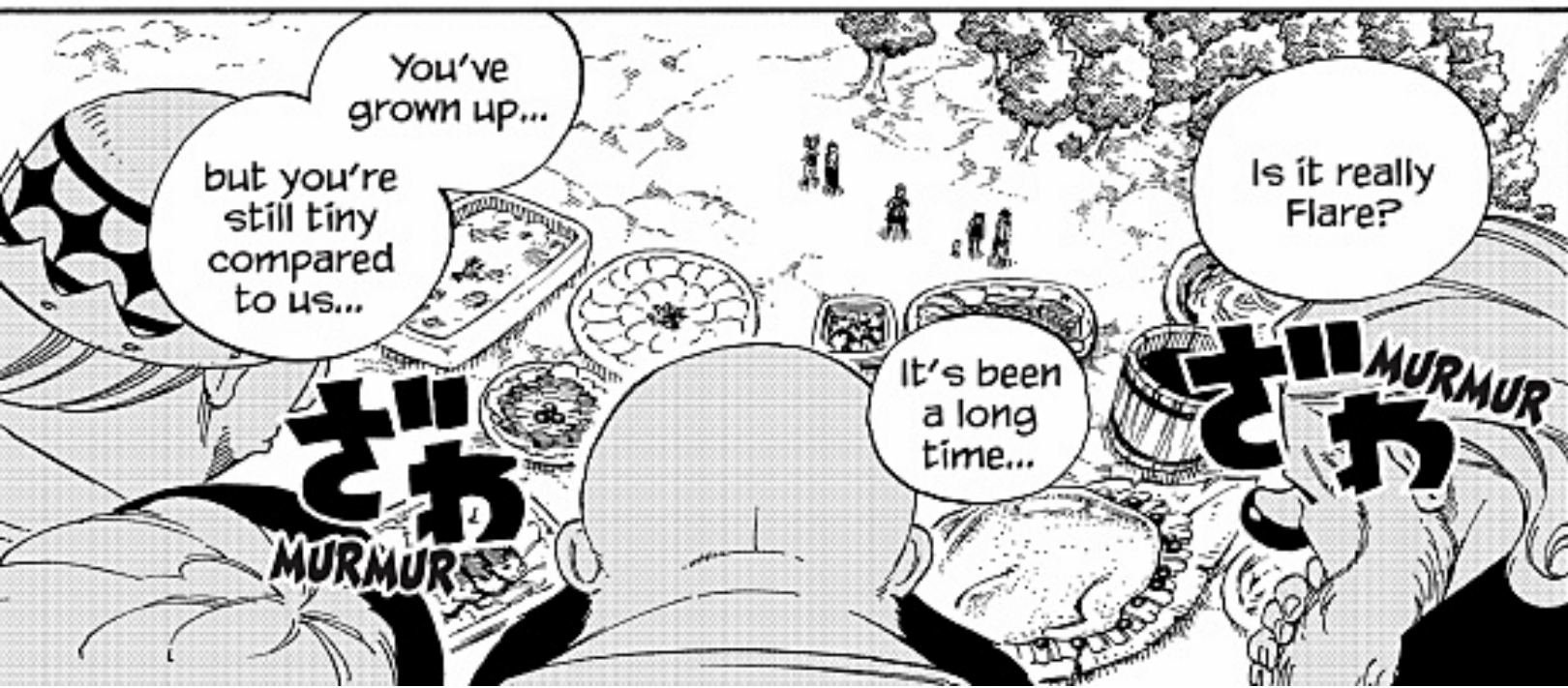
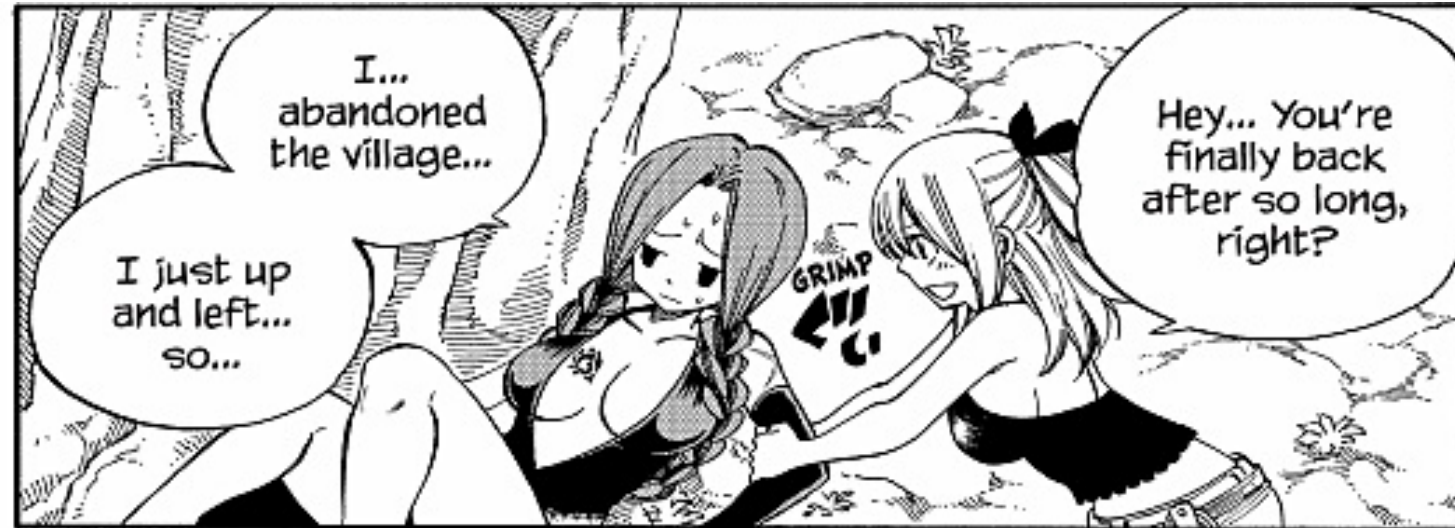
Are you saying that there was some other reason to freeze the village?

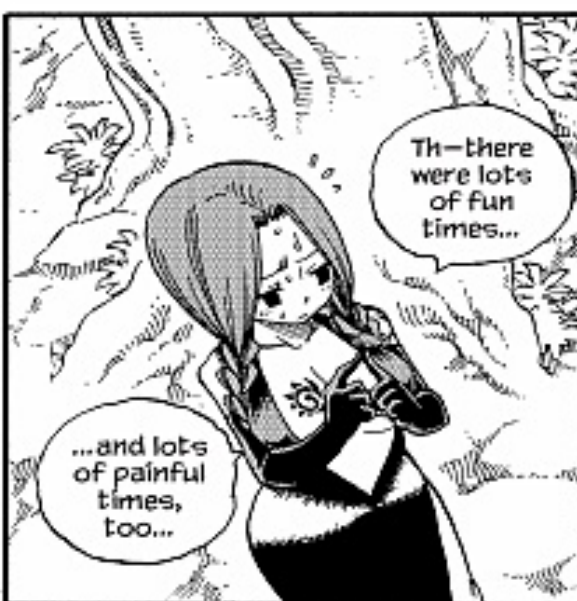
?

Come to think of it, where's Flare?

!









**As long as
you live.**

**You'll
find that
anywhere.**



Well... Anyway.
There's some-
thing we need
to say to you.

Yes.

**You're free
to come and
go as you
please.**

**Whether
you're here
or not...
this is your
home.**





**Welcome
back,
our dear
daughter!**





She beamed so much, her happiness was contagious.

That was the first time I ever saw Flare with such a brilliant smile.



It was so fun,
we forgot
about the
ominous words
we'd heard
that day.

That evening,
we sang,
drank, and
partied with
the giants
until the sun
came up.



*Devil
slayer...
Demon
from the
Book of
Zeref...*

*Succubus
Eye...*

Minerva...



*...and
Tartaros...*







**This one
is Kyôka.**

**One of
the Nine
Demon
Gates of
Tartaros.**

DEMON GATE
OF TARTAROS
GODDESS OF THE
SLAVE PLANET

KYÔKA



It can't
be...

...that news
of our failure
to protect
the village has
already reached
them?!!



TARTAROS
??!



This one has
already spoken of
her purpose here.
To strengthen
humans.



??!

So Silver was
acting on
his own when
he sent us
there?



Of what do
you speak?
This one has no
memory of any
such village.

You would take
such drastic
action over the
loss of a single
village?



Those
unsuitable for
strengthen-
ing are of no
value to us.



These wizards
should have been
your soldiers...
What fool does
that to her own
troops?!



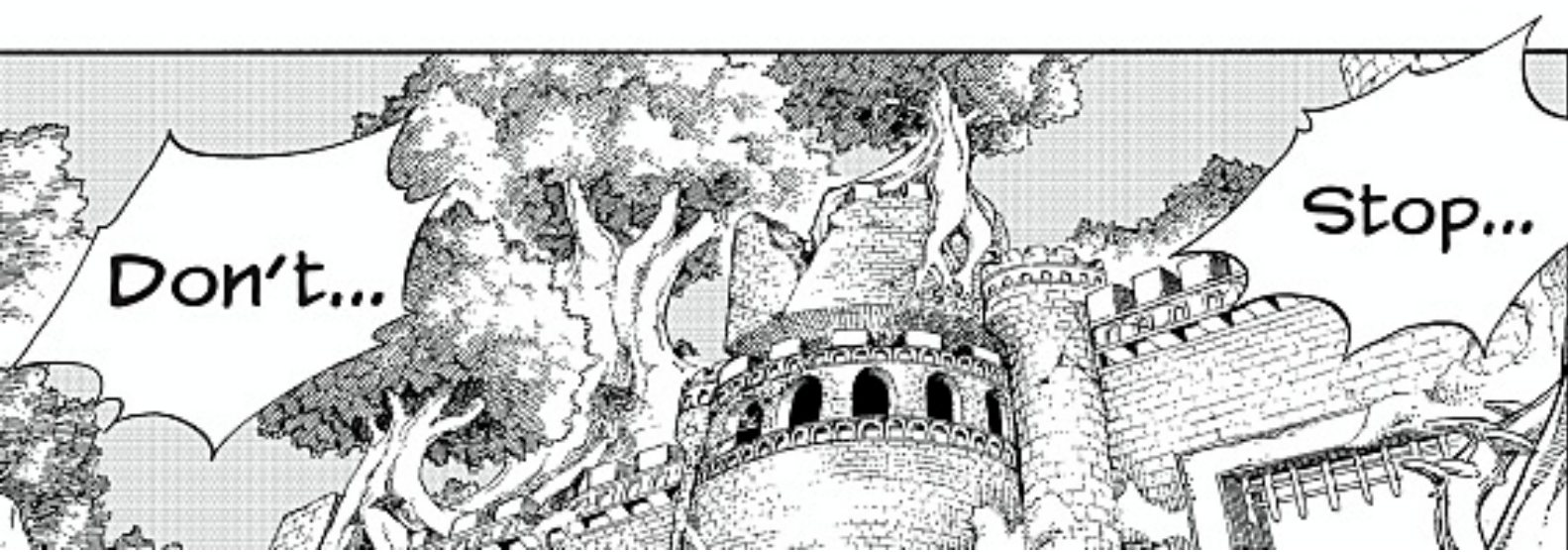
This one is
here under
the master's
orders to
muster our
forces.



In the
coming
days... we
will execute
a massive
operation.



The
question
is, are
you?

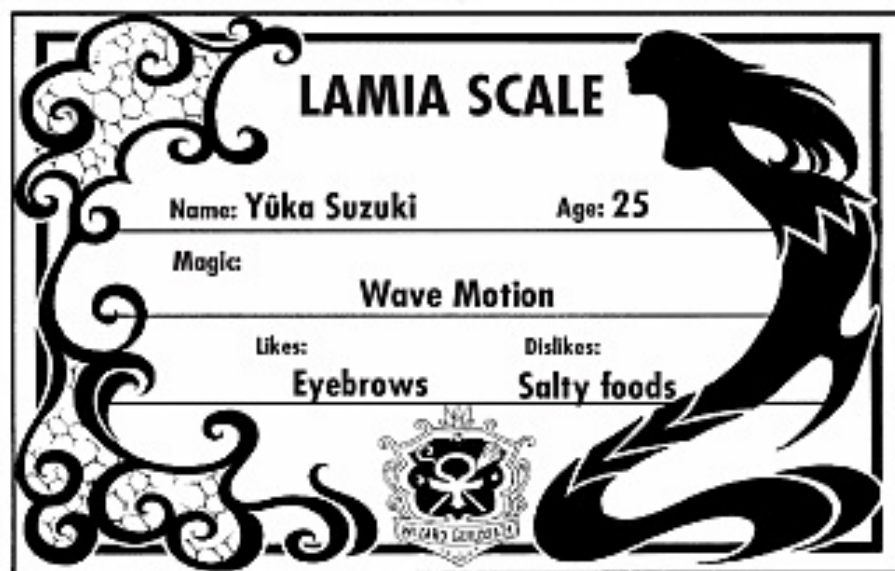


Don't...

Stop...

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Chapter 355: Song of the Fairies

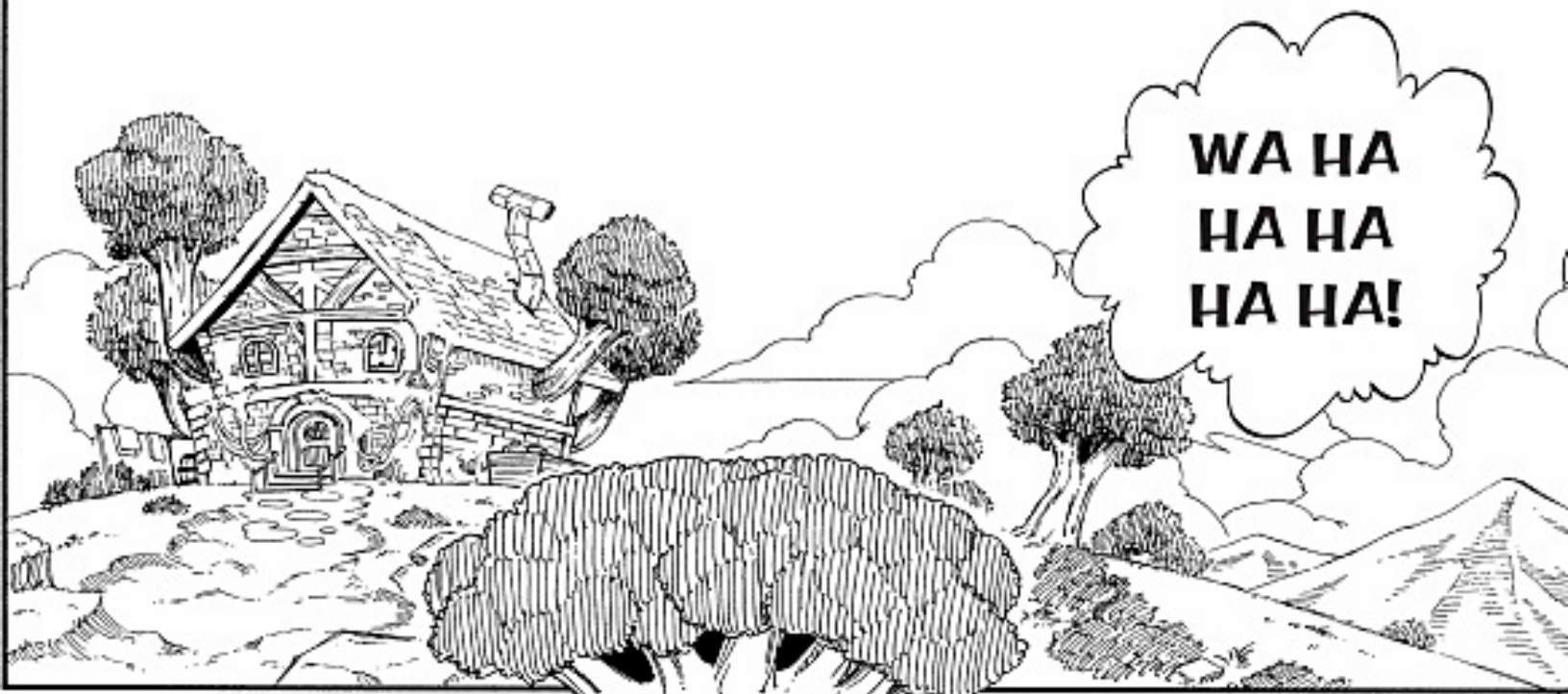


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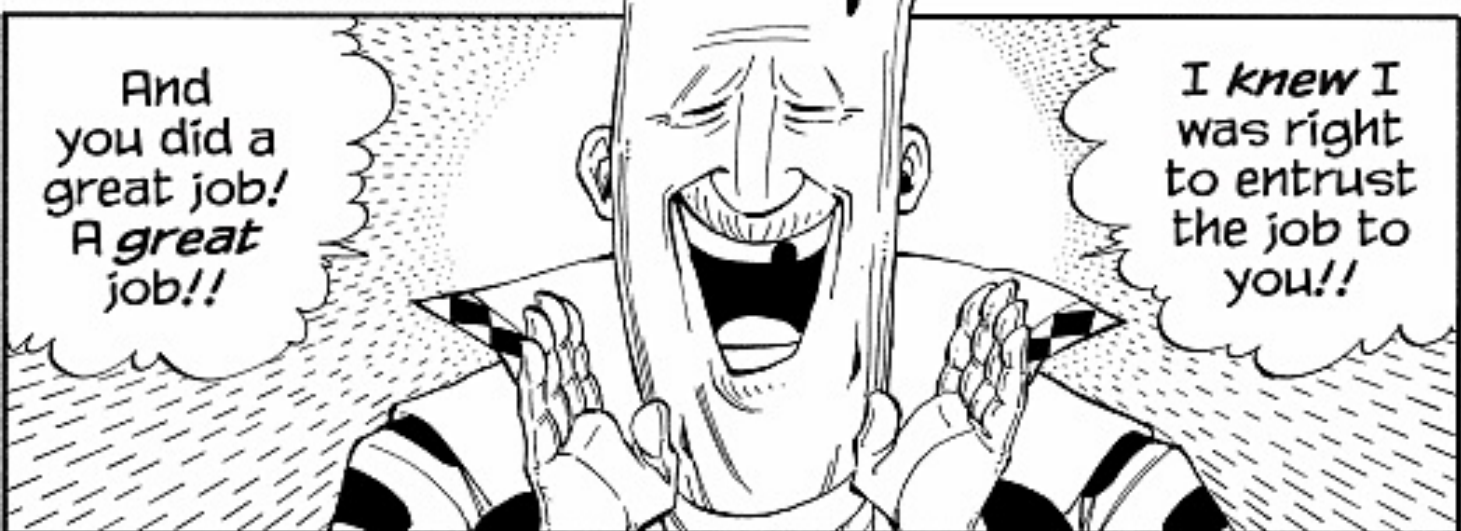
His magic creates a wave form that eliminates his opponent's magic abilities, and because of that, most of the jobs he goes on set him against other wizards. For a little while, he, Toby, and Sherry did too much evil and were expelled from their guild. Then they met Lyon and committed even more evil acts.

But after they met Natsu and the Fairy Tail members, they were reinstated, and with Jura's lectures, they've matured quite a bit.

He has too-prominent eyebrows. A long time ago, he played a game to see how many matchsticks he could balance on top of them.



WA HA
HA HA
HA HA!



And
you did a
great job!
A *great*
job!!

I *knew* I
was right
to entrust
the job to
you!!

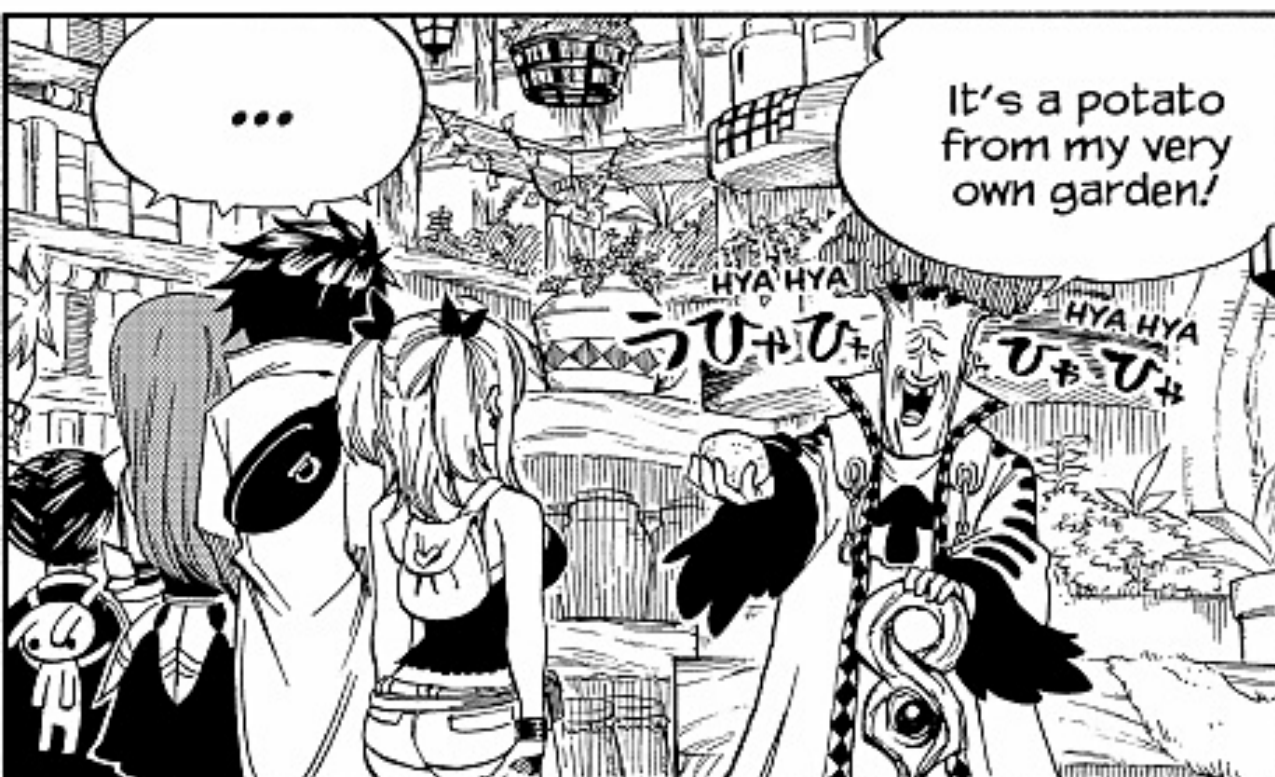
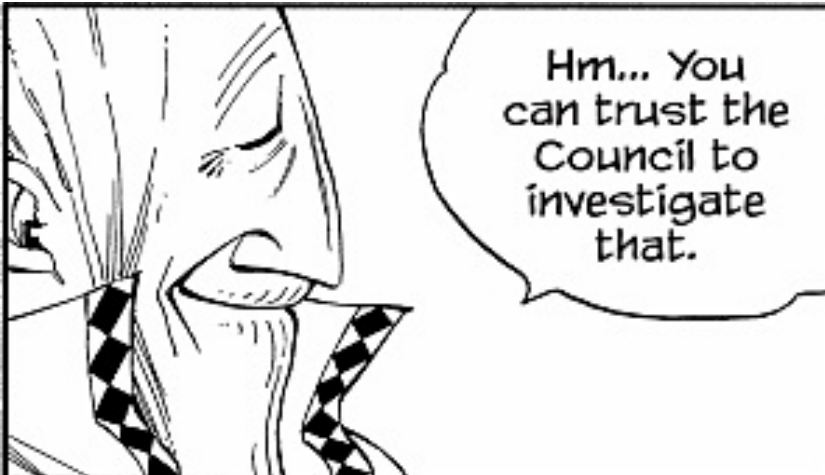


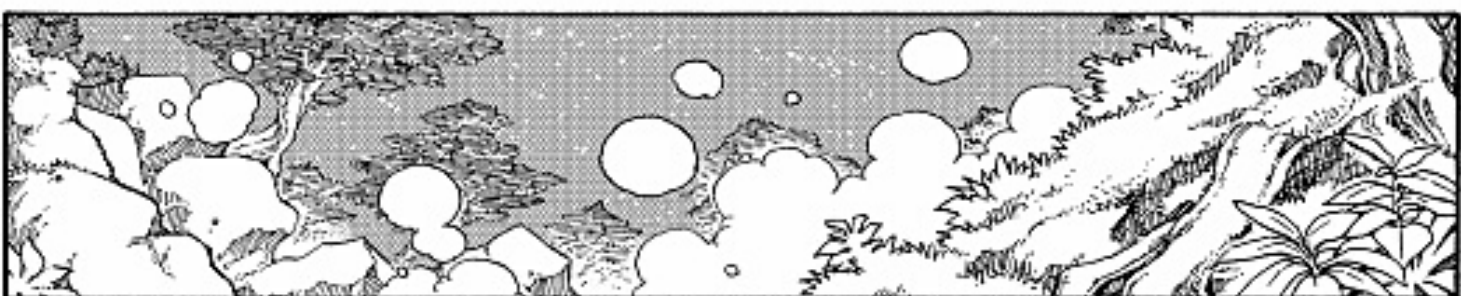
We kicked
their butts
out of there.
Way out!
♡

By the
way, what
happened to
the robbers
?

We are very
relieved to have
accomplished the
task you set us,
Warrod-sama.

Aw, it
was easy!







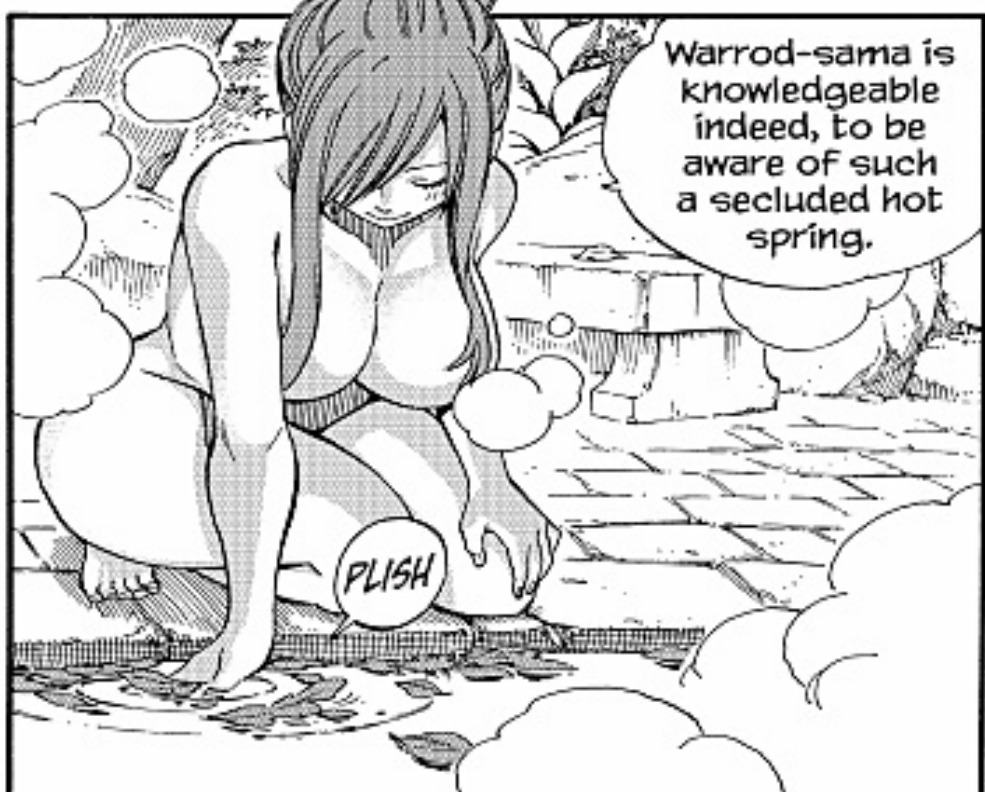
It's wonderful!

An impressive view.



WOW!

Look, Wendy! It says bathing in the water here will help both your health and beauty!



Warrod-sama is knowledgeable indeed, to be aware of such a secluded hot spring.

PLISH



A hot bath
after a job
is the most
wonderful
feeling!



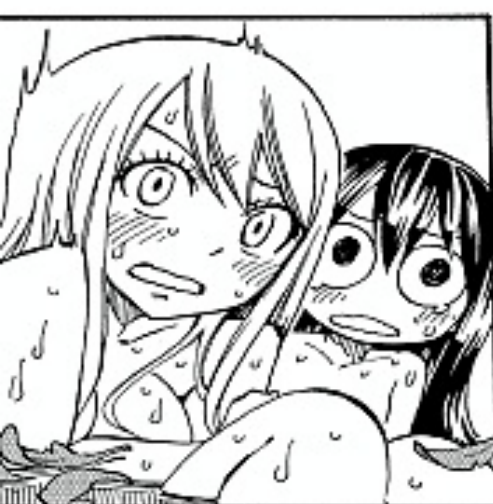
But... I kind of
feel sorry for
Natsu and
Gray.

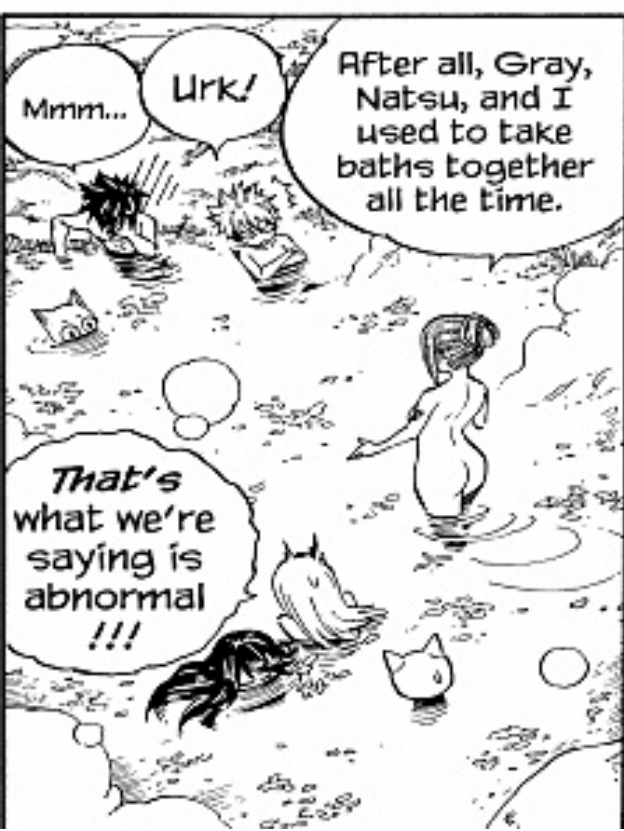
Never mind
them! They
probably have
no interest in
hot springs
anyway.

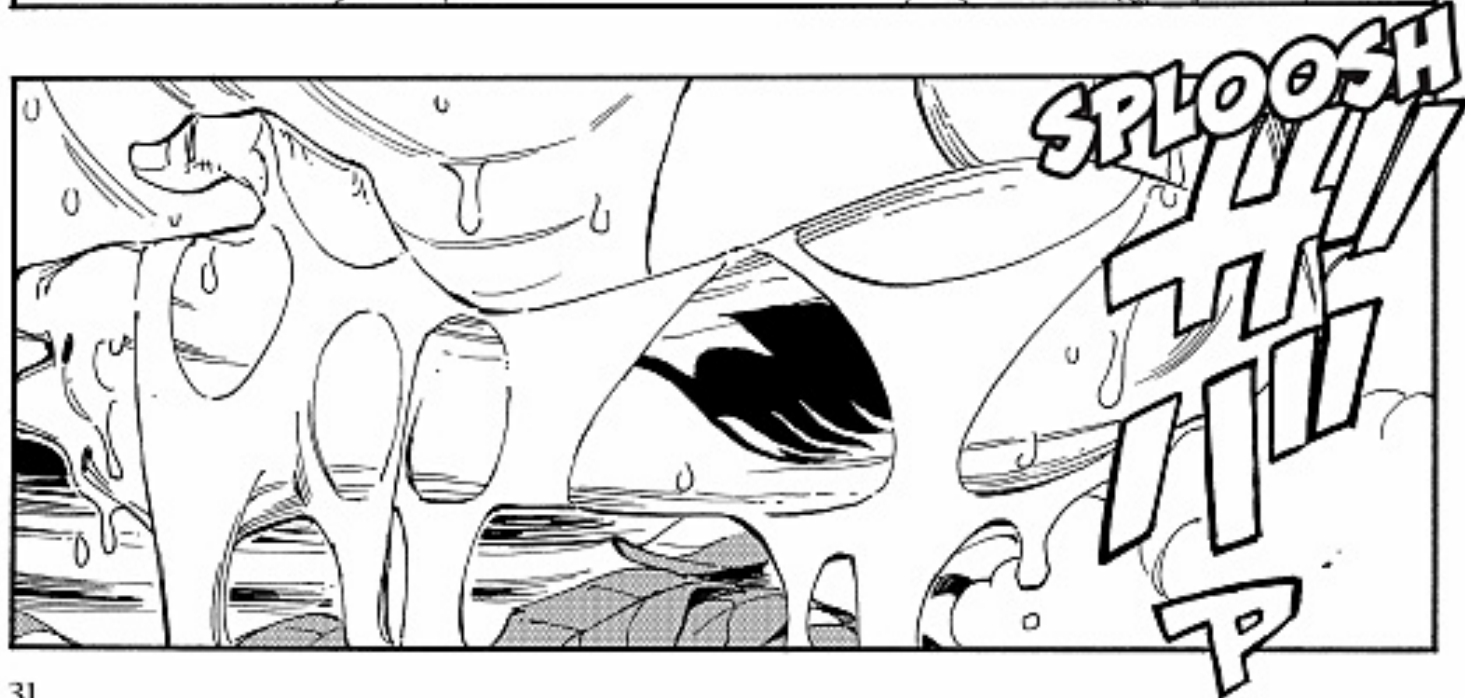
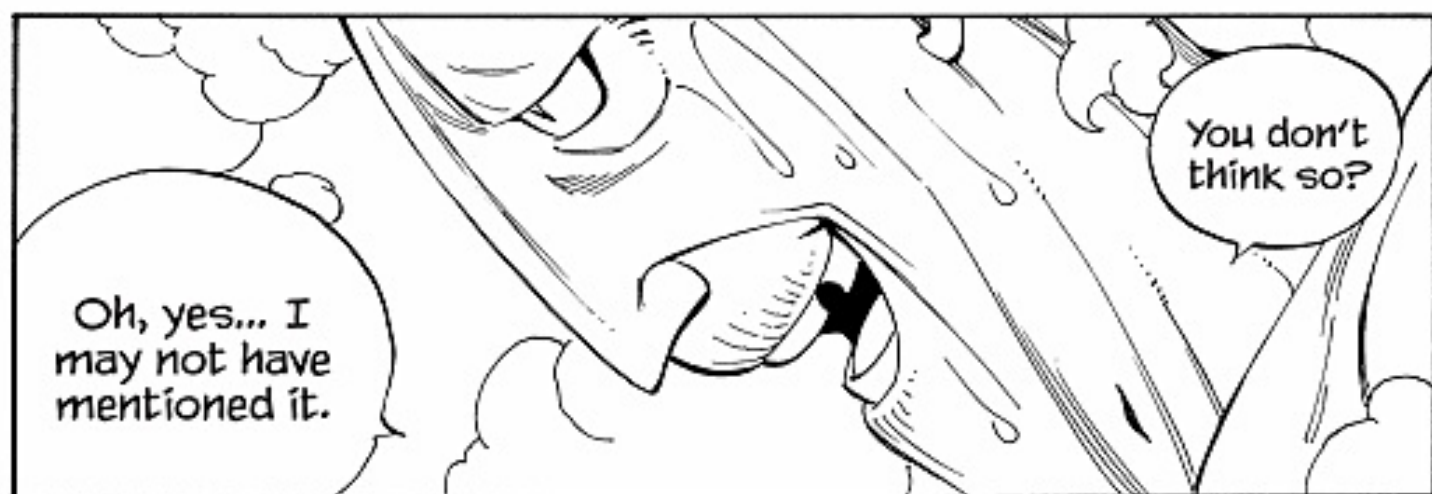


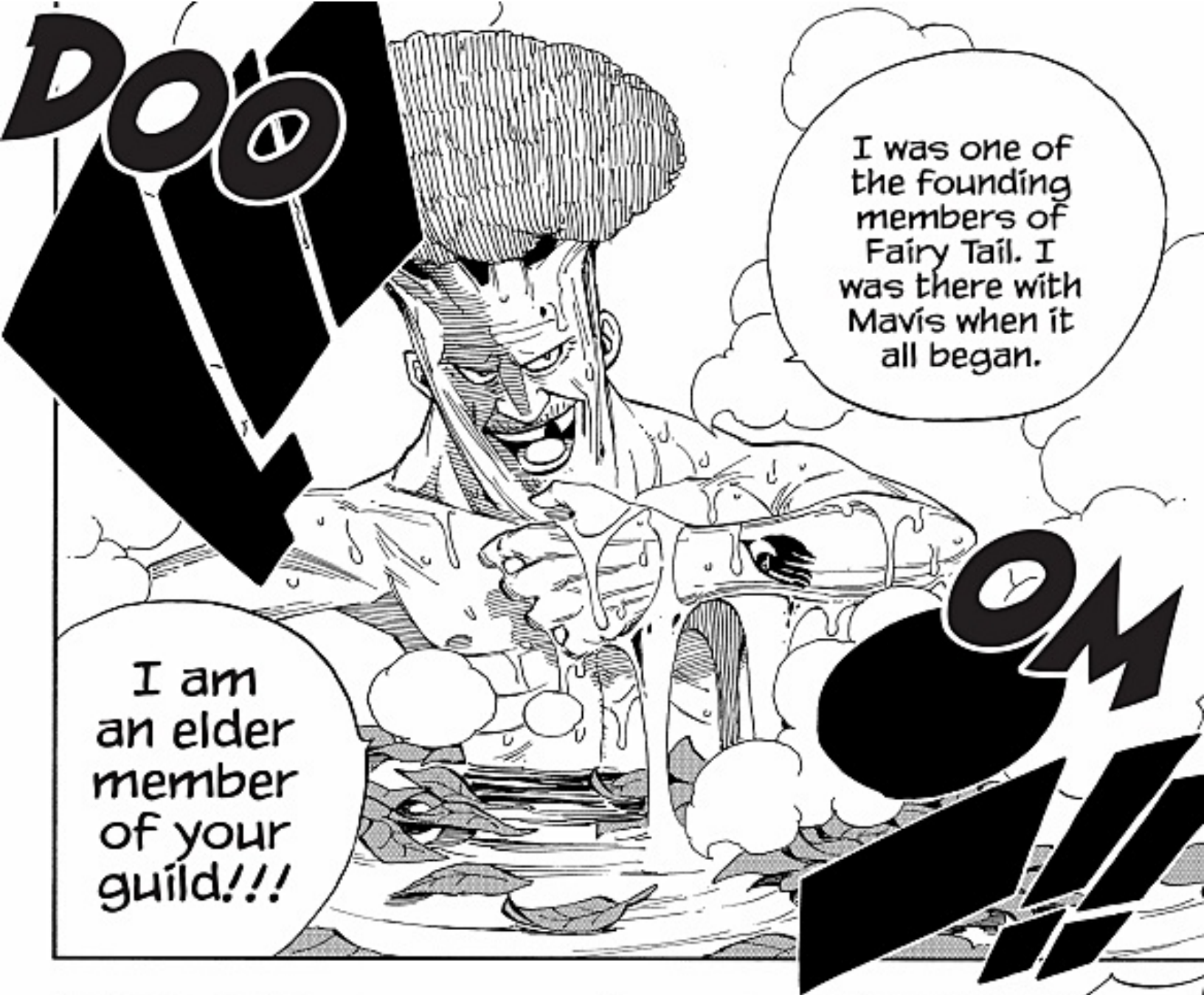
It truly
refreshes an
exhausted
body and
soul...

...and
allows one to
concentrate on
the challenges
of tomorrow.









The master is a wizard saint too, so I was wondering why he was talking that way.

No... You will *have* to go... And this time, you're going to be on your absolute *best* behavior...

Oh, yeah... That's why...

It was Fairy Tail?

So the guild you retired from...



When you visited my home, I thought I caught the scent of those old wooden beams that make up the guild.

Hm. Indeed.



Being able
to meet
you young
fairies...

...is a
real joy!



The
conversation
will never move
forward at
this rate.

...That
was a
joke!



This is the
harmony that
Mavis was
always talking
about.

She wanted
the wizard guild
Fairy Tail to have
a bond between
souls even
stronger than
blood!



No matter
what the
result of
your job...

...I felt it
the very first
moment that
I saw you.

Even now,
after all
these years,
that spirit
endures.

You've
carried it on
within your
hearts.



It's
friendship
of the
heart.

Mavis
once
said...

It's that
person you
trust uncon-
ditionally.

...camarade-
rie isn't just
a word.



*You can
rely on
me.*

*Just as
I'm sure
I will be
relying on
you.*



Now let
us walk
together...
to the
rhythm of
the fairies'
song...

The breeze
on your skin
foretells the
events of
tomorrow.

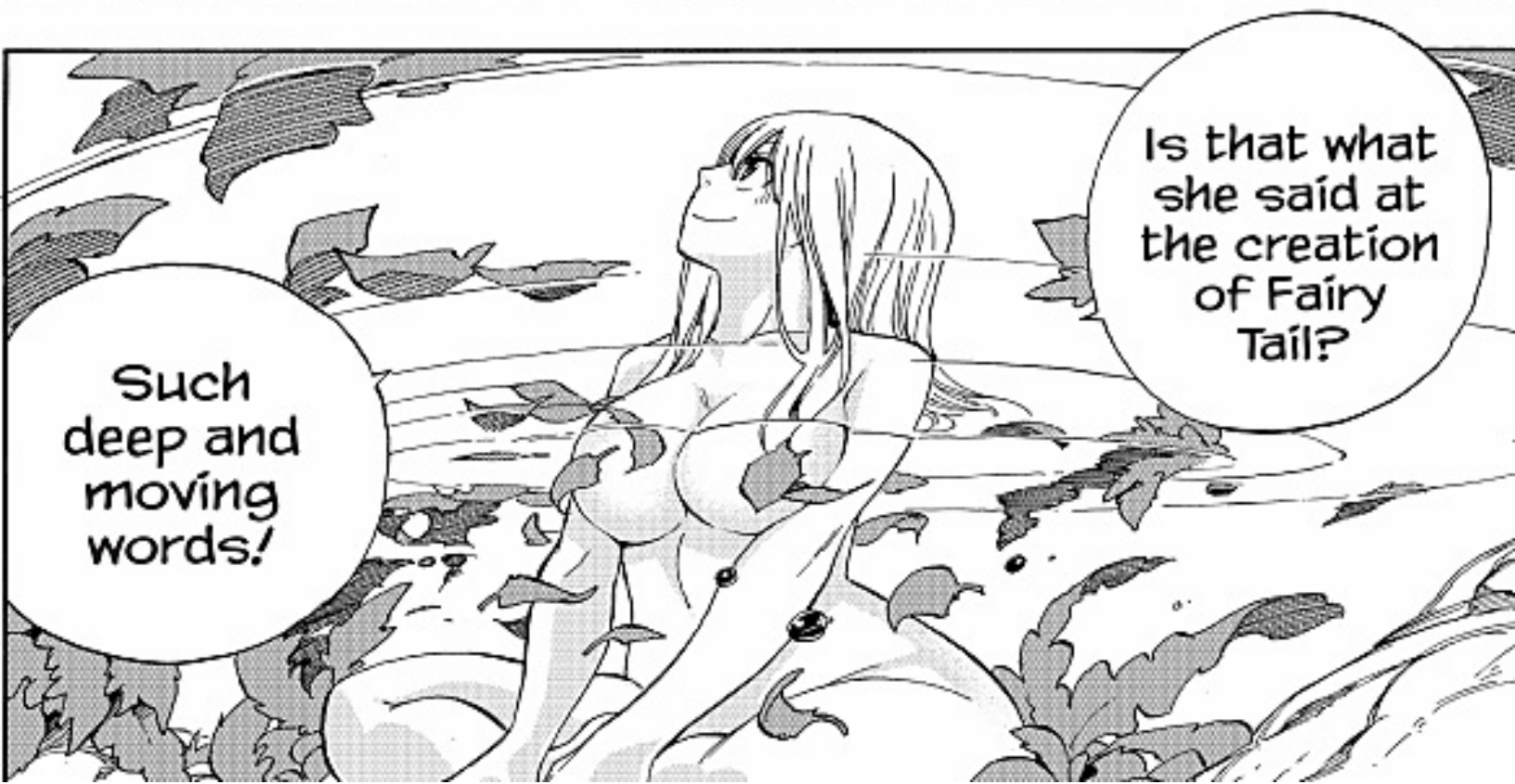
There are
as many
dreams
out there
as there
are stars
in the sky.

Remember
you aren't
alone!

In painful
times...
In sad
times...

...I will be
by your
side.







No... What I meant is maybe a guy that old might know about that demon, E.N.D.



Wait! I don't believe it!! That means you're older than the old man?!!

Do not be rude, Natsu.



I heard that my dad, the dragon, tried to fight it.

The Book of Zeref... Another dangerous name.

It's a demon from the Book of Zeref.

E.N.D.? As in the end of the world?



It was something Atlas Flame told us about.



Hm...

Sorry. I've never heard of it.



I was kinda hoping that if I knew what E.N.D. was, I might get a hint to where Igneel went.





Now, this
is just an
opinion we Four
Emperors of
Ishgal
share...



...but we suspect
they may have an
extremely powerful
demon from the
Book of Zeref at
their beck and call.



Is that
right...?



*It all fits
with what the
Succubus
Eye guy
said...*



You think
it could be
E.N.D.?!?



The guild
has a
Book of Zeref
demon
?!?



Once I find one of 'em, I'm gonna beat the info out of him!!!!

There ain't no way I can go after a guild when I don't know where it is!!!

Bam, bam, just like this!

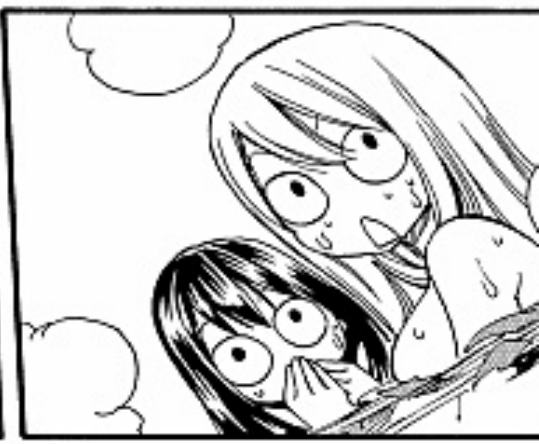
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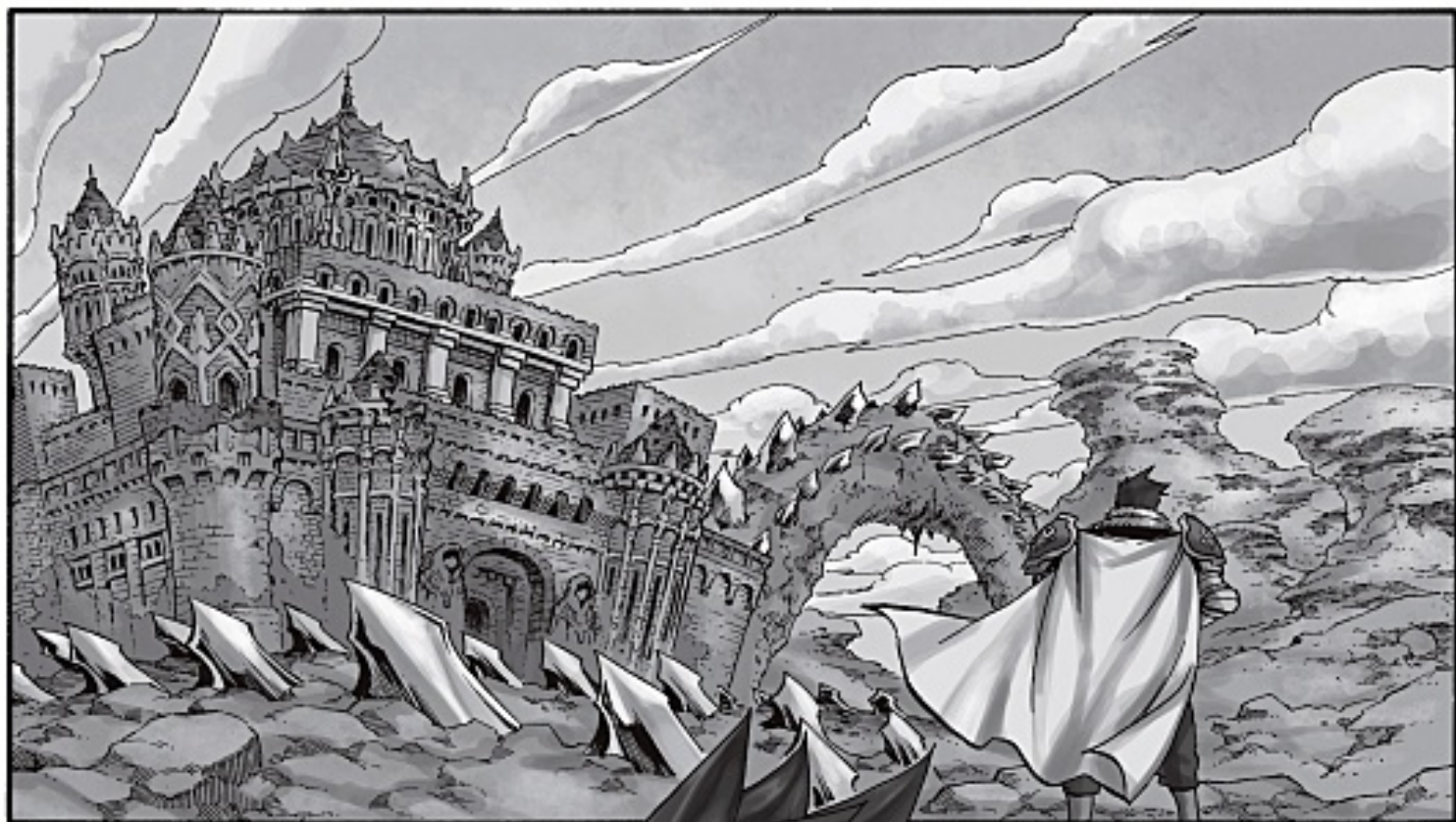
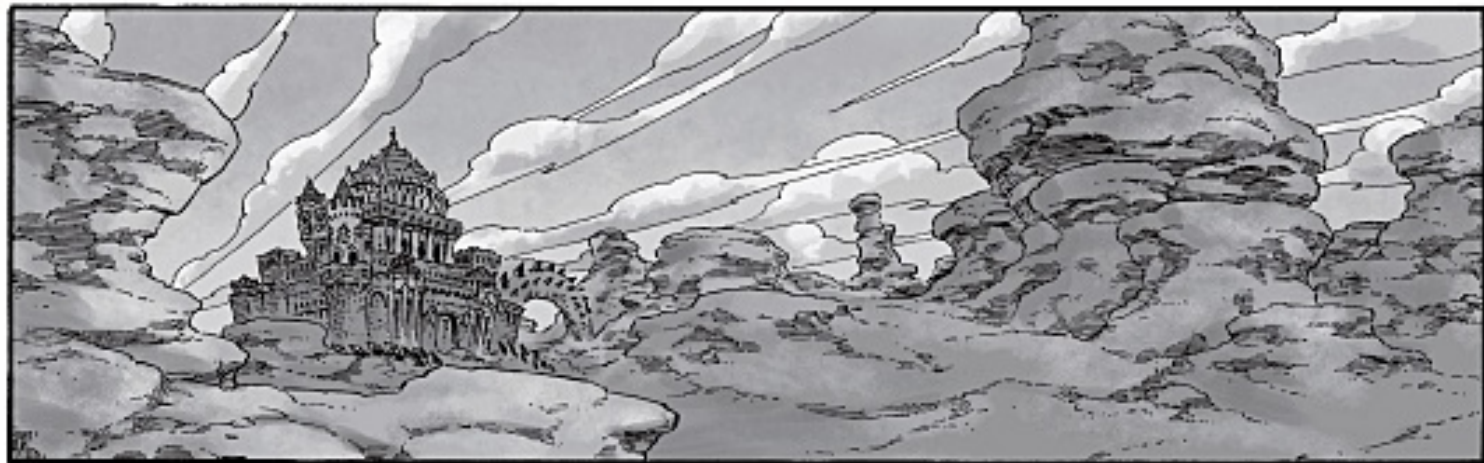


Huh?



Hey... Natsu ...





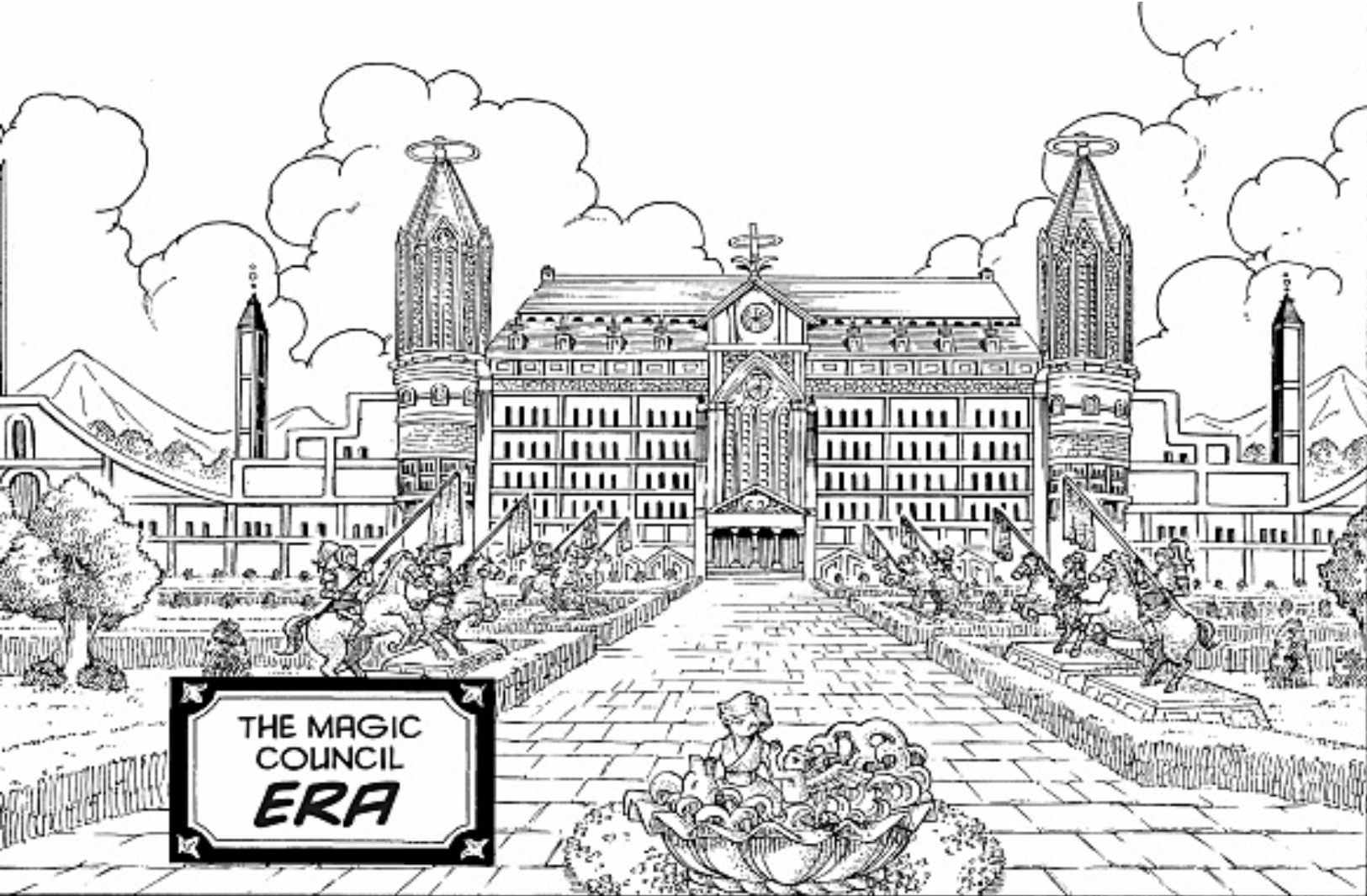
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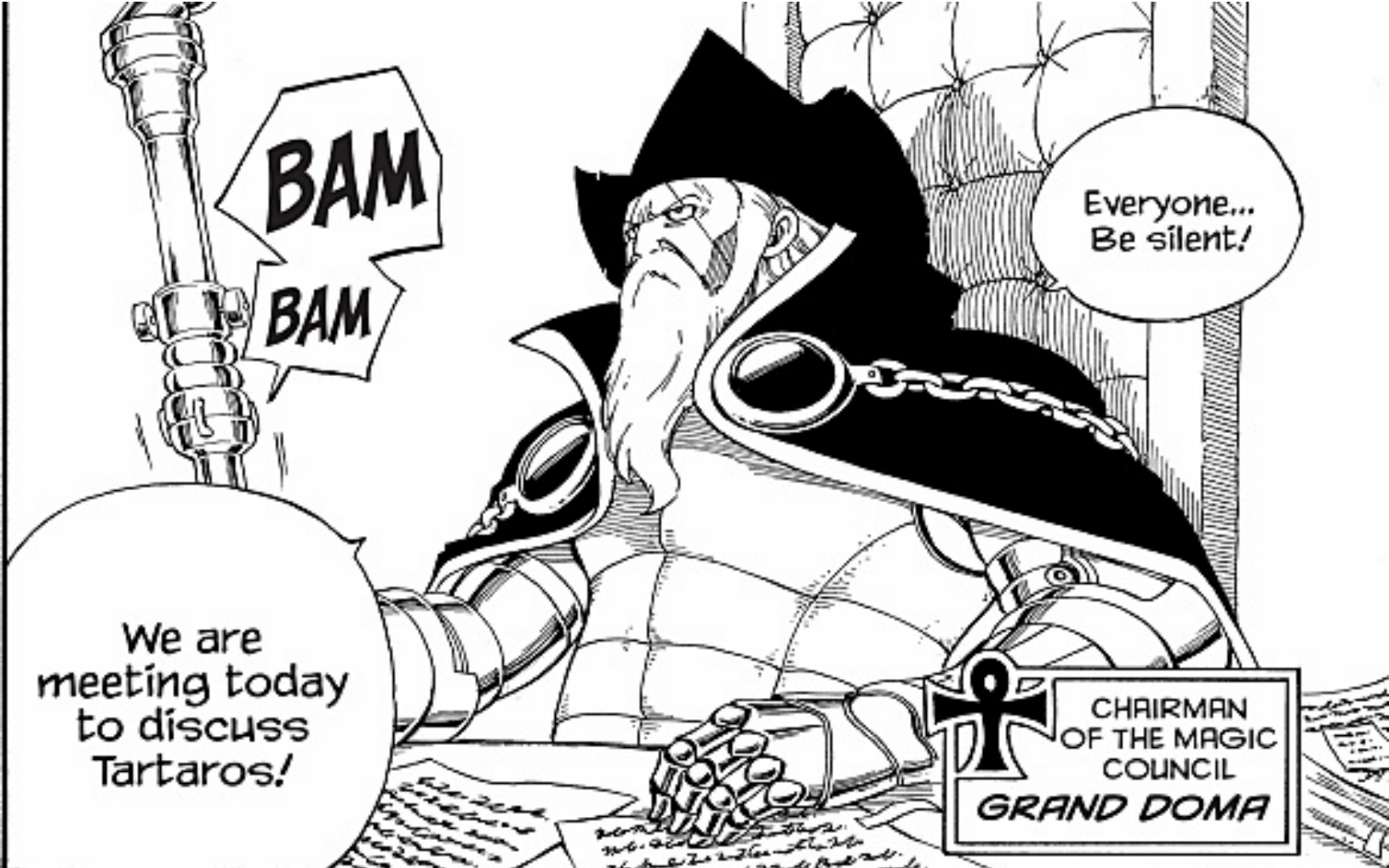






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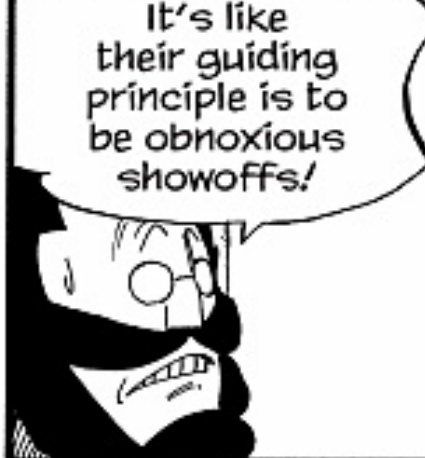






Elder Org, you tend to take the fairies' side a lot recently.

I don't know if it's advisable to try to connect everything that happens to Fairy Tail.



It's like their guiding principle is to be obnoxious showoffs!



Well, we all know it will turn out to be the work of Fairy Tail!



No... We're talking about possibilities here...

So I think it is conceivable that Tartaros itself is assuming direct control over its subordinate guilds.



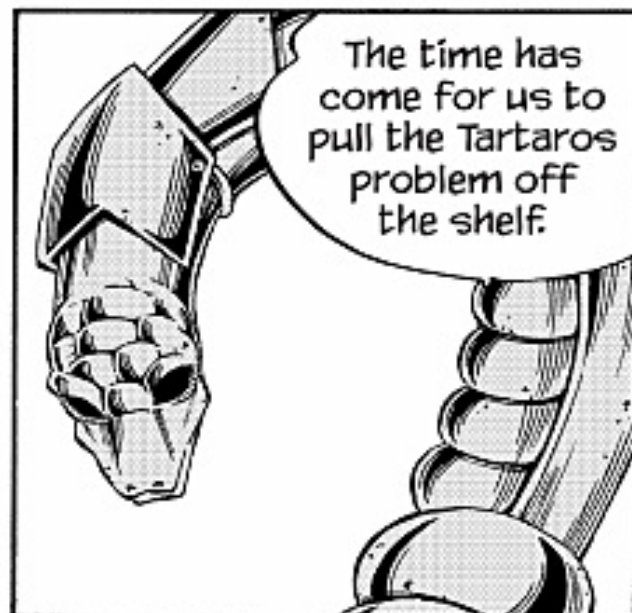
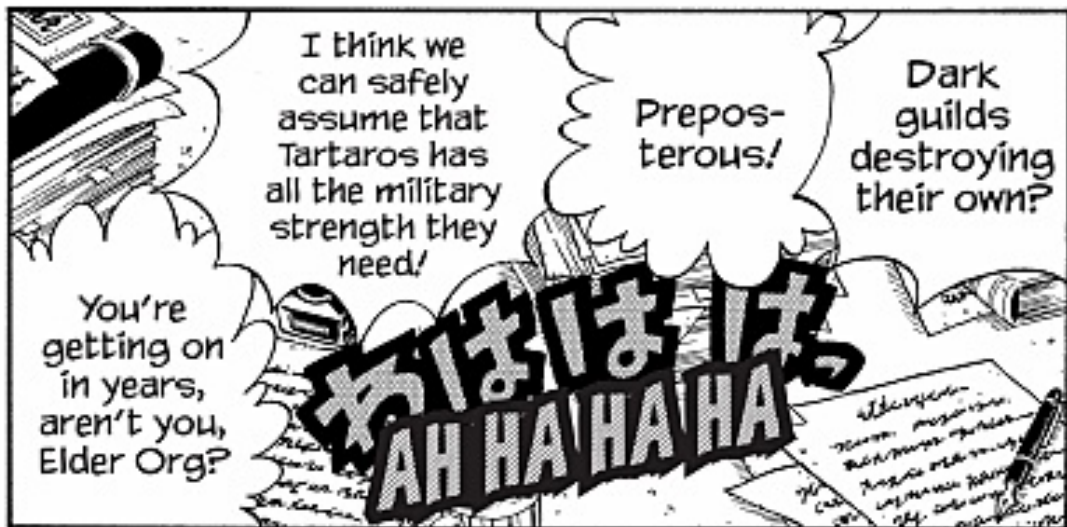
But there are many potential motives. A military buildup, or weeding out weaker guilds.



I couldn't say.



Why would they do that?





**It is time
we gave them
a taste of the
full might of
the Magic
Council!**

**We know
little of this
enemy!**

**But if
we can take
them down, it
will mean the
destruction of
the entire Balam
Alliance.**







KO O O O O M

There are
intruders

...





Lahar...
Come on,
get up...



Wh—
What has
happened
...



URRG...

URNN...

KH...



This
can't
...be
happening
...



Lahar
!!!

Hey
!!!







Oh,
no, you
don't!

I can't
leave you
alive!

We're after
all nine
members
of the
council!

Doran-
balt...

D—
Don't...

Run...!

VEEEEEEN

EXPLODE!

**I can't
!!!!**

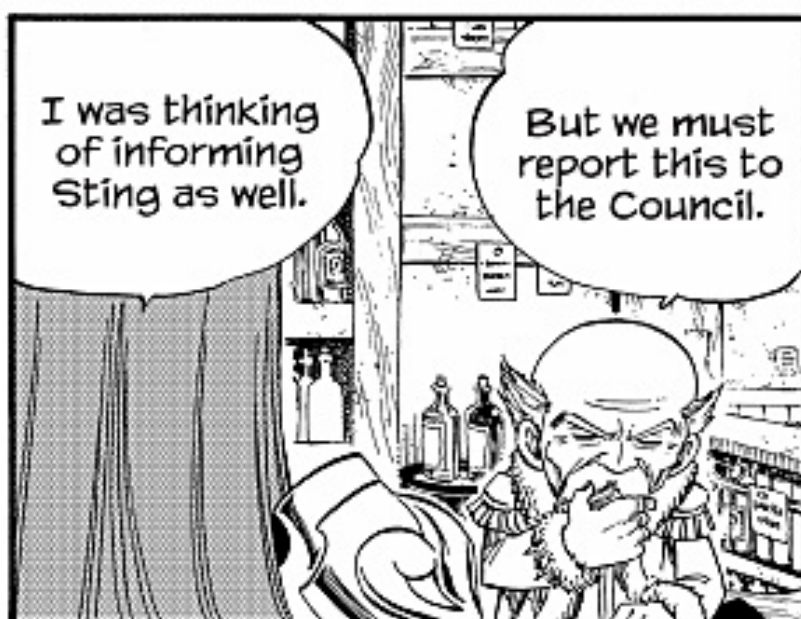
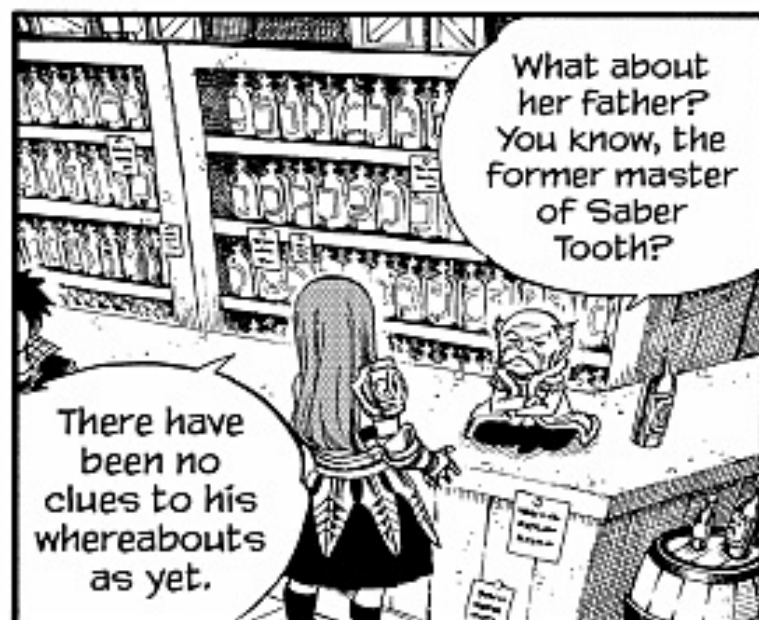
What good
will it do for
you to die
too?!

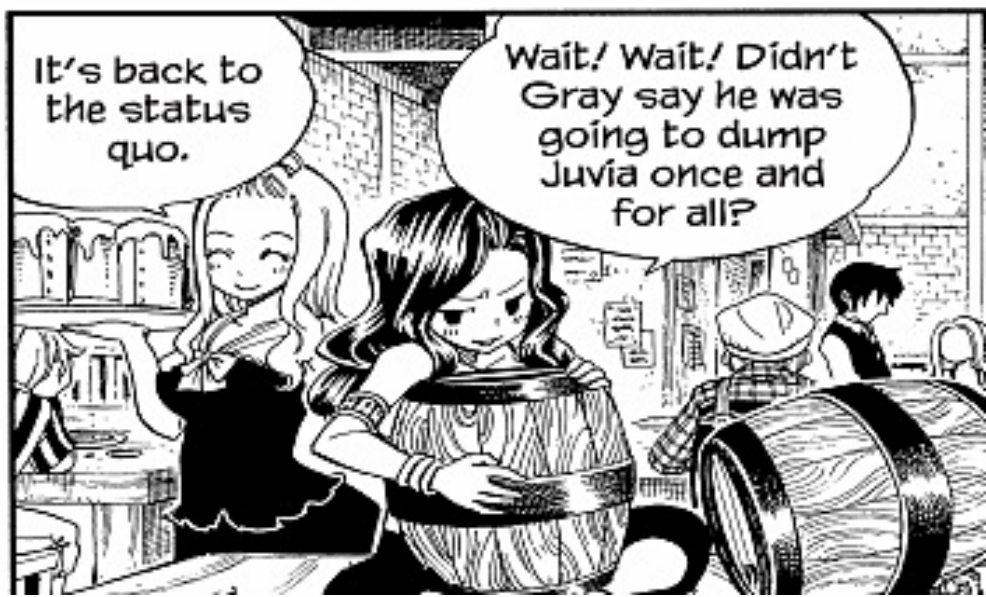




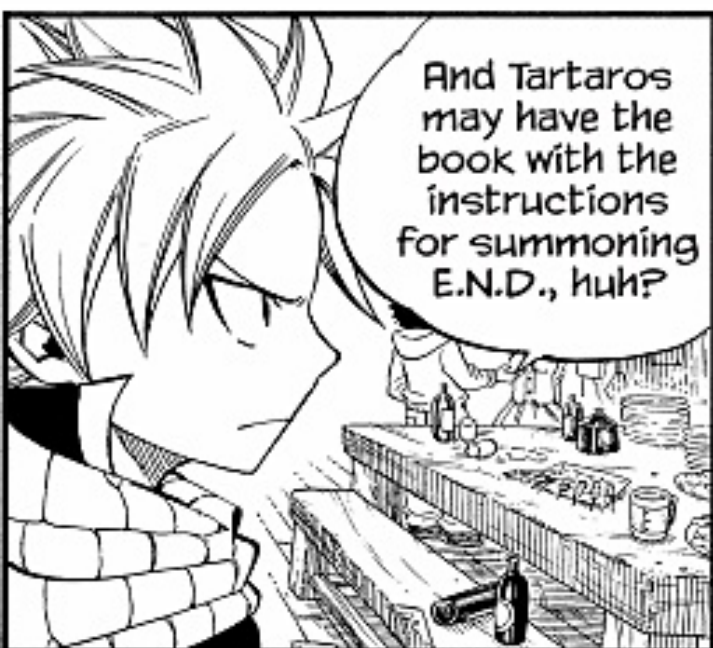
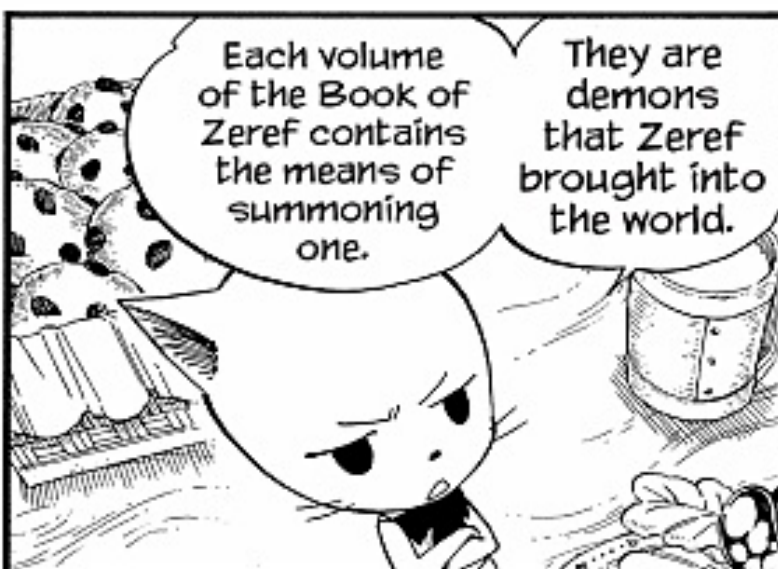
**Live on,
Doranbalt!!!!
See that
justice is
done!!!!**













I'm
for
that!!

We go
punch
Tartaros
good!

That's
no plan
at all!!



Okay... The
plan's coming
together
now.

That means...
That when
Igneel tried to
destroy E.N.D.
...



Huh?
What's the
plan, then?



We don't know
anything about
their members,
either.

But wait!
There are a lot
of questions
about Tartaros,
right?

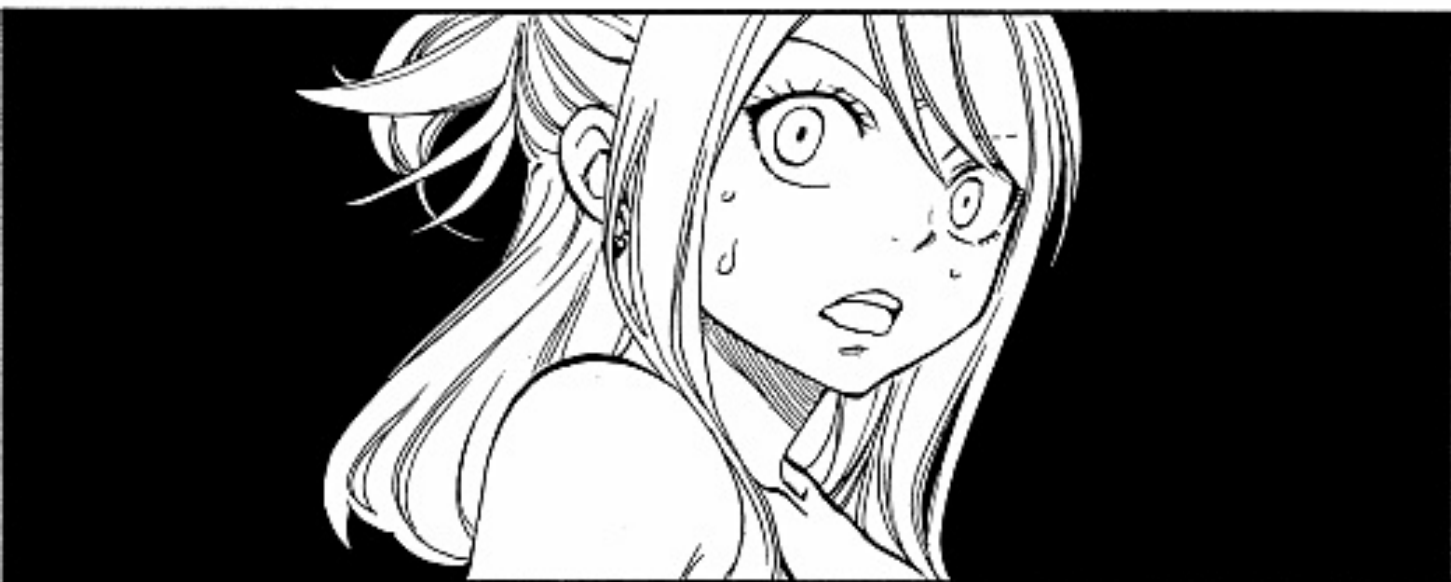
Even if we wanted to
punch them, the
Council doesn't know
where their guild
is yet!

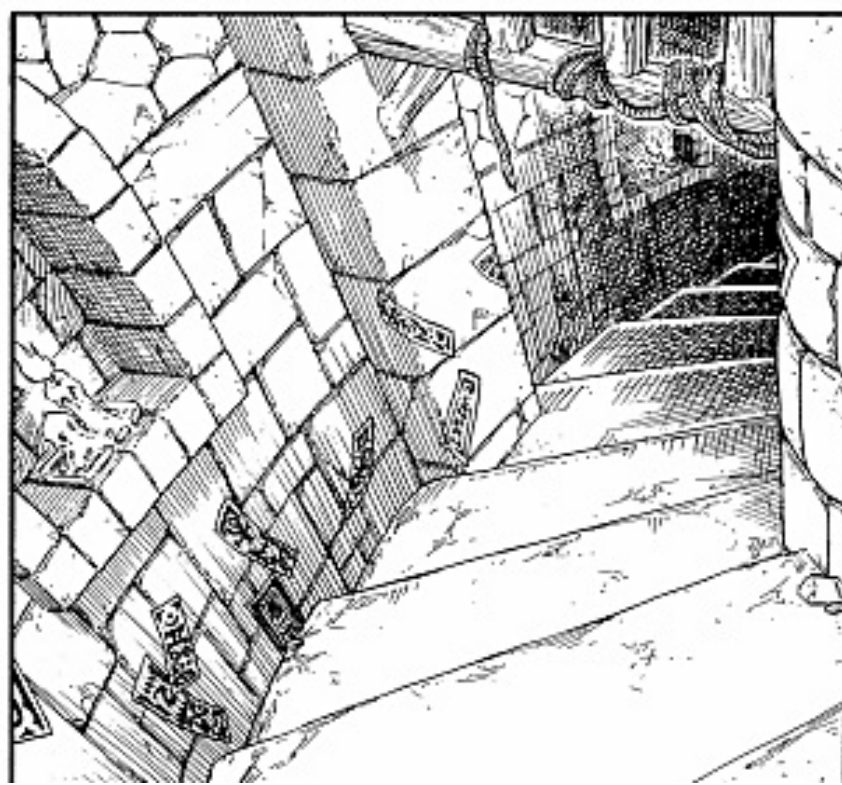
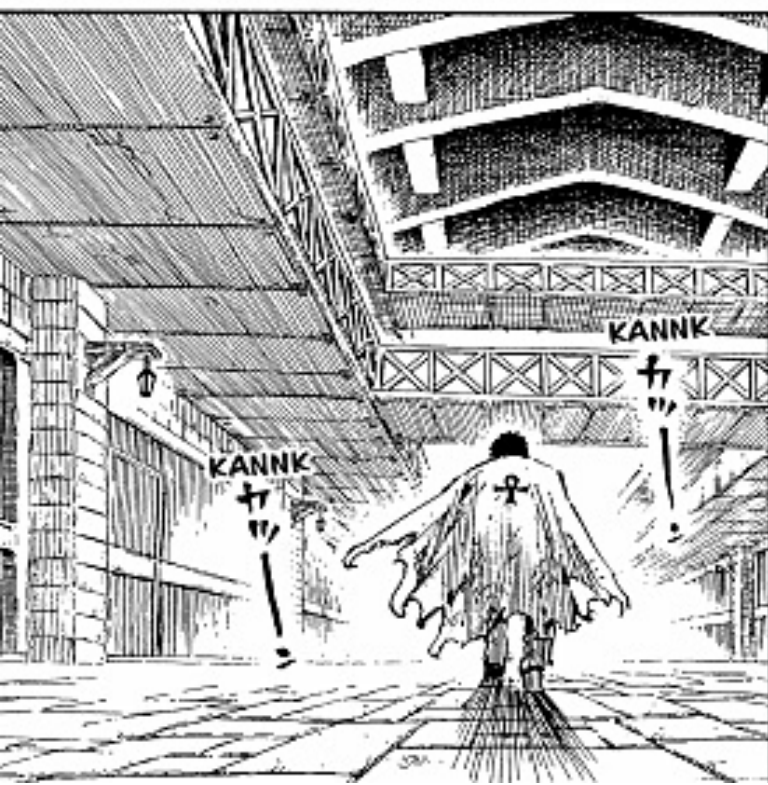
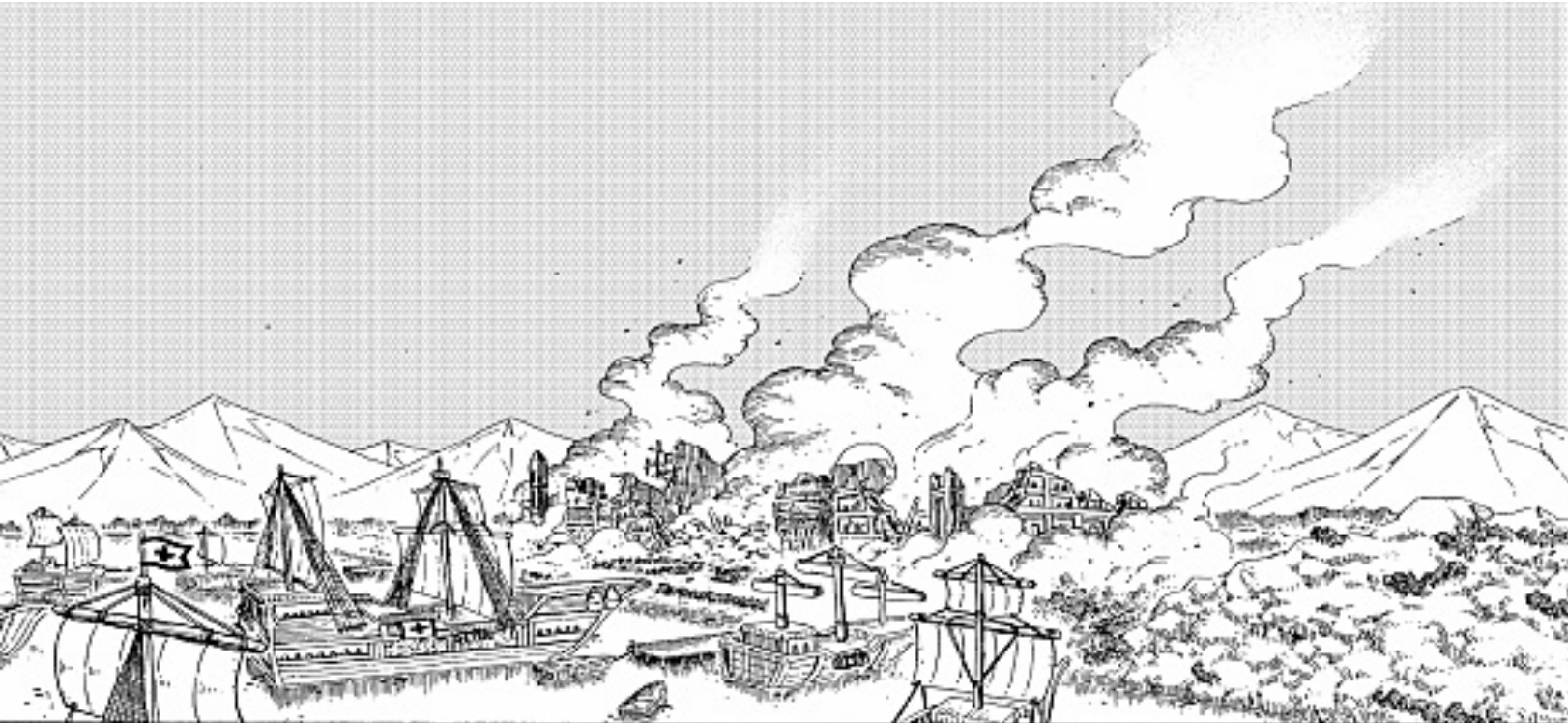


It might
even lead to a
connection to
Metalicana.

Yeah...
Grandeeneey,
too.

But... They
could have
clues to where
Igneel is.







Been
expecting
you.



Don't be an
idiot! I can't
use magic in
here. All I heard
was explosions.

You
"heard" what
happened up
there?



Tell me all
you know
about
Tartaros!



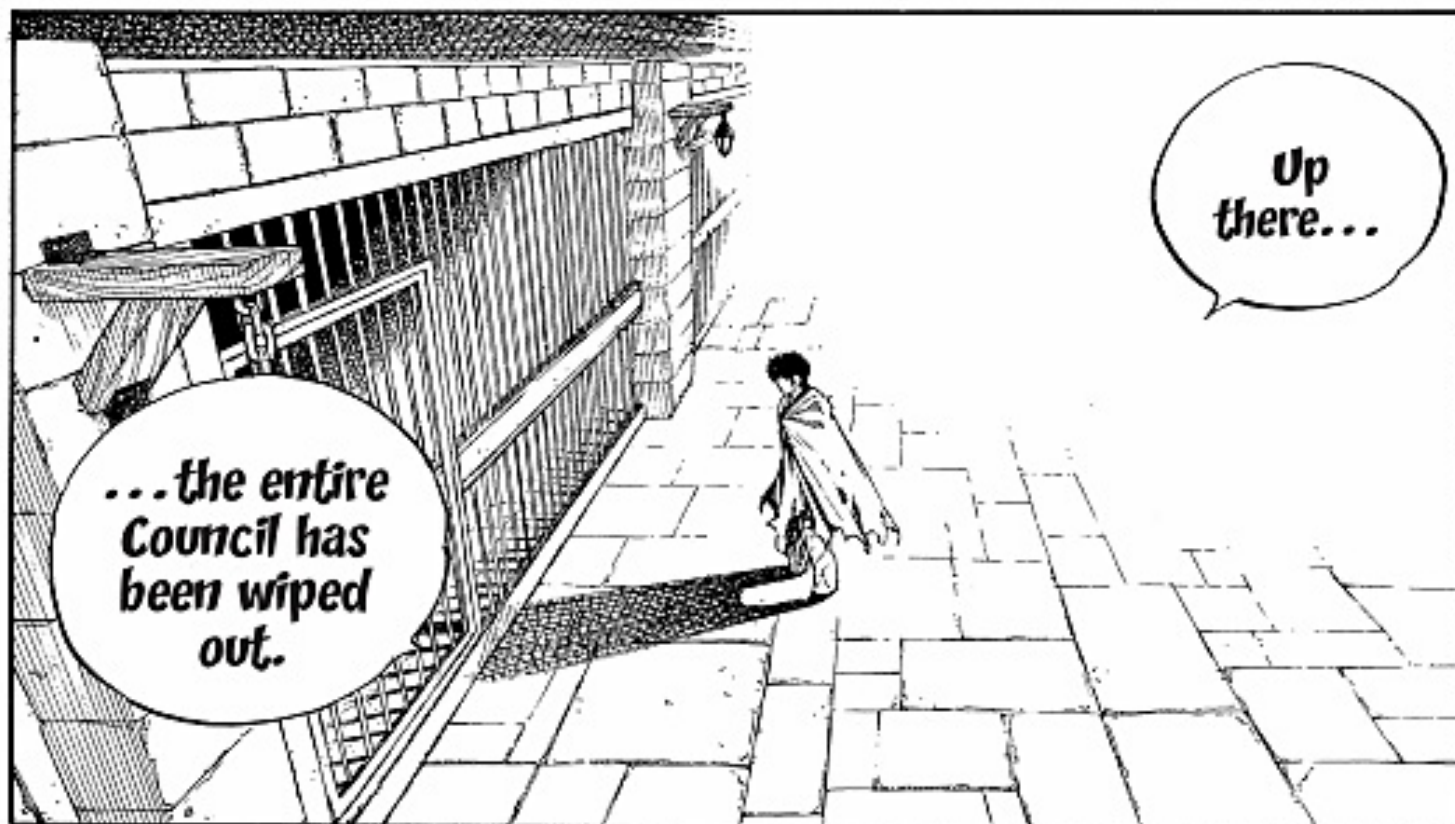
Then go up there and get it.

I don't have the authority.



You gotta release the entire Oración Seis.

I told you before, I got terms.



Up there...

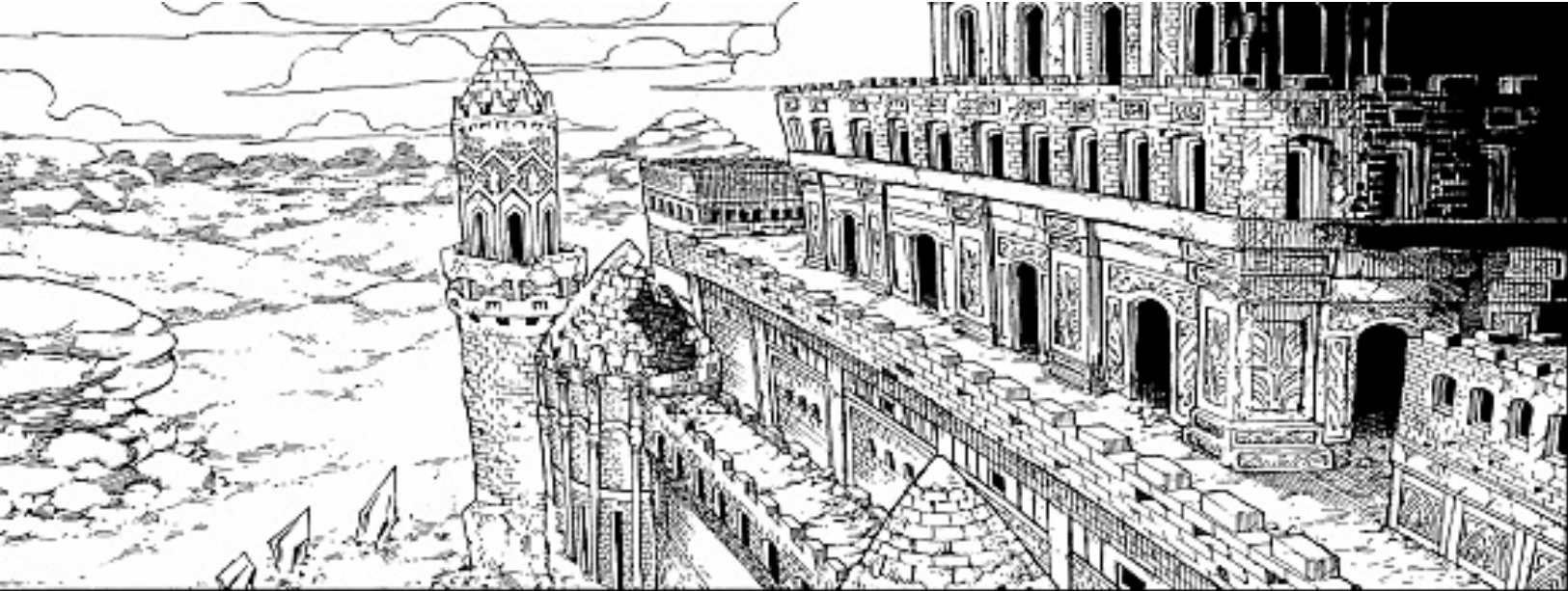
...the entire Council has been wiped out.



They really did a number on you guys, huh?









**The hell of
the Nine Demon
Gates of
Tartaros!**

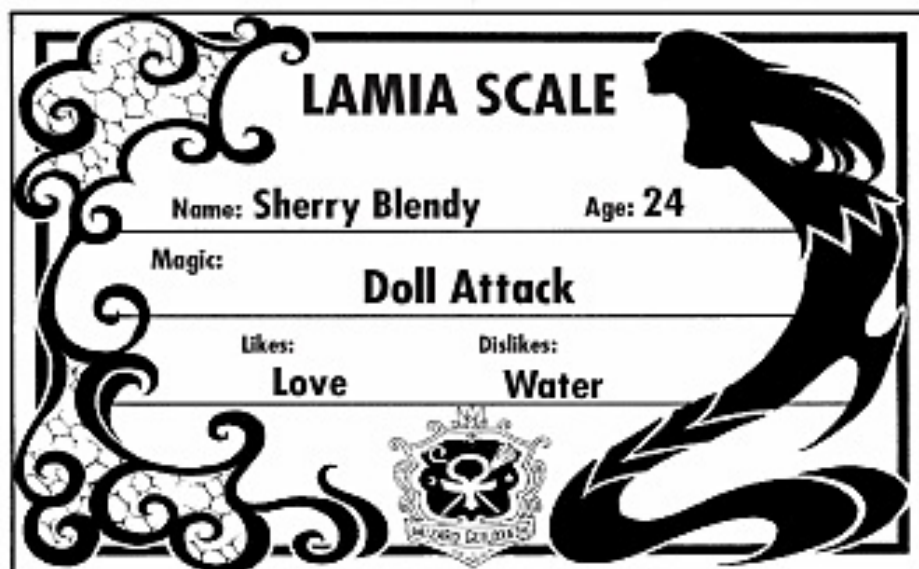
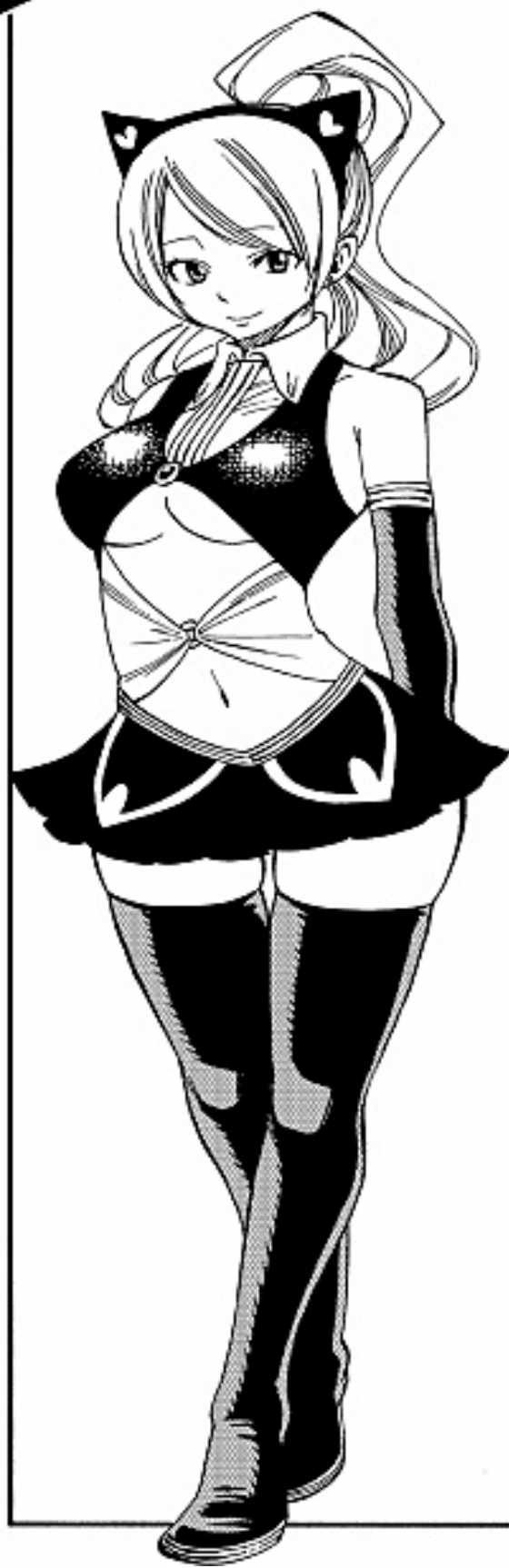


**Very well!
We will show
the humans the
power of the
Underworld!**



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Chapter 357: The Nine Demon Gates

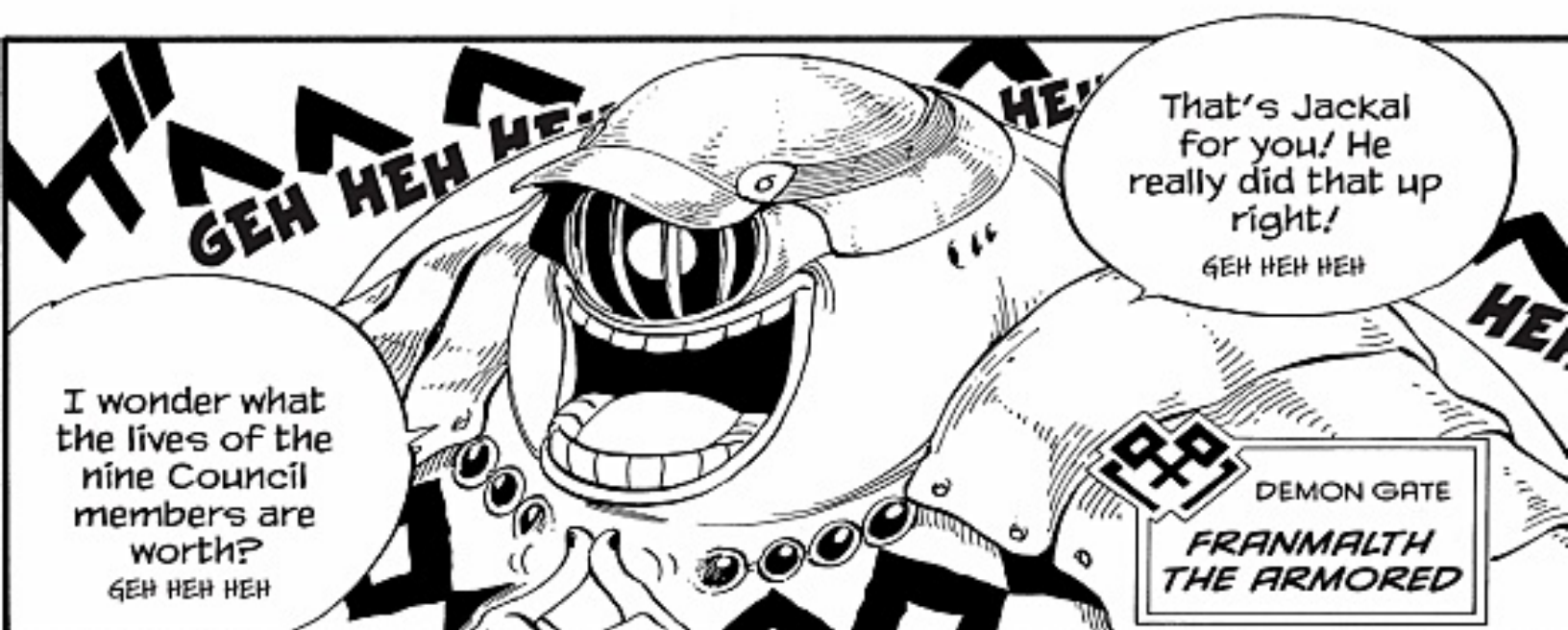


Remarks

Seven years ago, she fought Lucy on Galuna Island, and was reinstated into Lamia Scale afterward. She met the Blue Pegasus member Ren when fighting for the allied guilds against the Oración Seis, and the two started dating. Now they are engaged.

During the Grand Magic Games, she was secretly rooting more for Ren than for her own guild, but when her guild master (Ooba Babasaama) found out, she hit Sherry with her twirl-twirl magic.

She wants to teach her cousin Sherria what true "love" is.



I wonder what
the lives of the
nine Council
members are
worth?

GEH HEH HEH

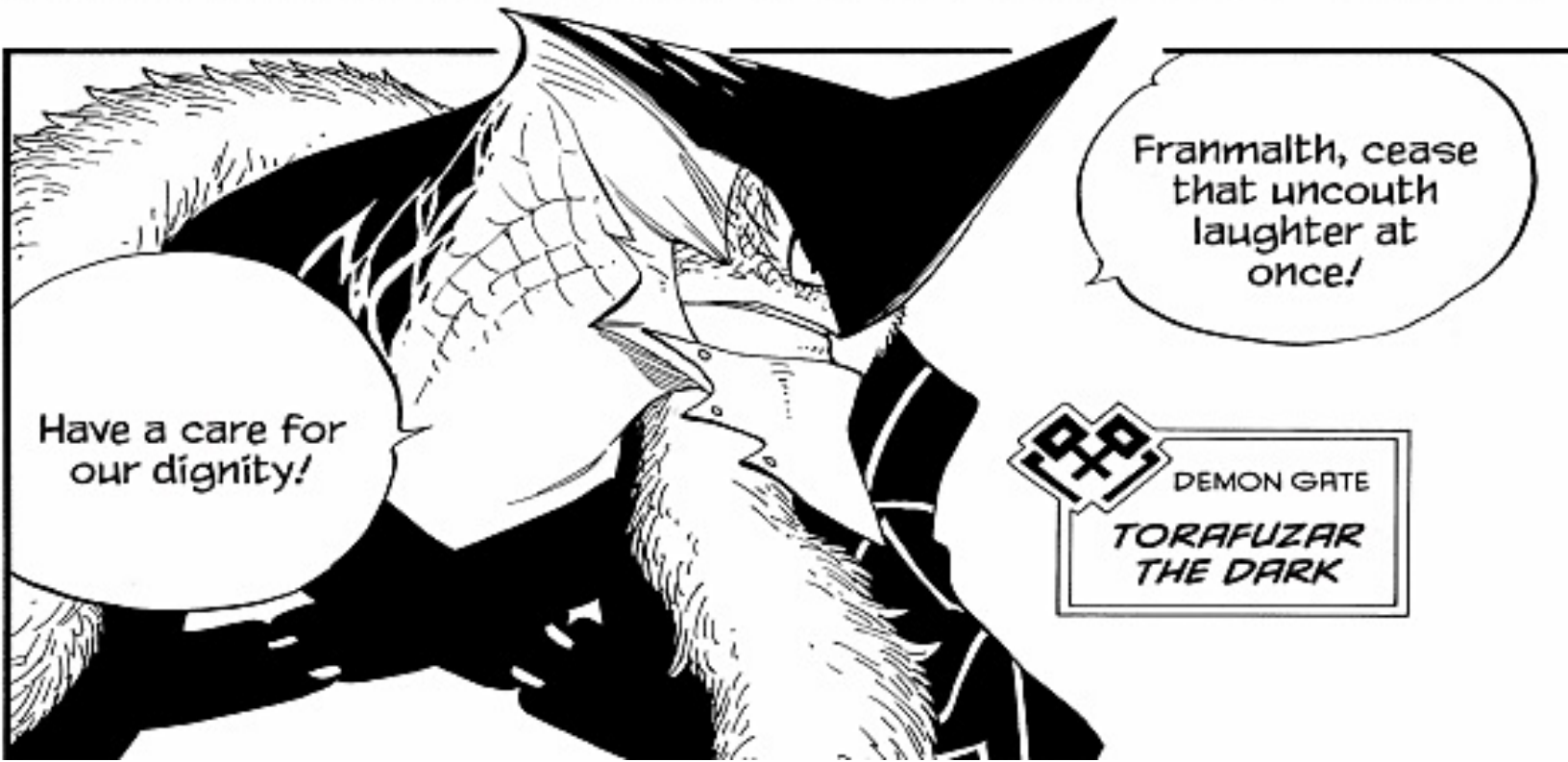
That's Jackal
for you! He
really did that up
right!

GEH HEH HEH



DEMON GATE

FRANMALTH
THE ARMORED



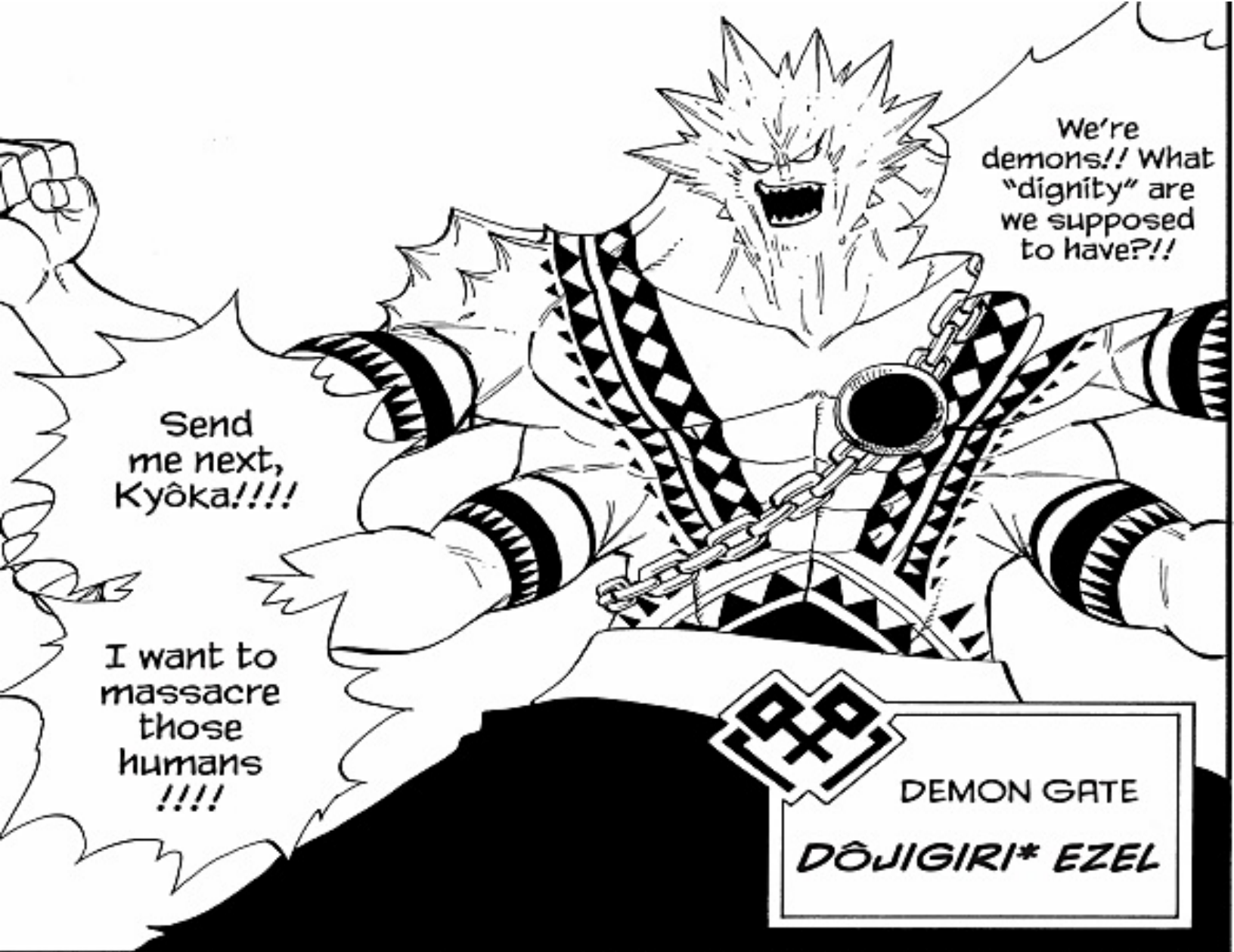
Have a care for
our dignity!

Franmalth, cease
that uncouth
laughter at
once!



DEMON GATE

TORAFUZAR
THE DARK



We're
demons!! What
"dignity" are
we supposed
to have?!!

Send
me next,
Kyôka!!!!

I want to
massacre
those
humans
!!!!

DEMON GATE
DÔJIGIRI* EZEL

*Dôjigiri, the greatest and sharpest sword of the Heian Era.



This is only the
prologue... No,
not even that. The
foreword to this
story.

My dear Ezel,
there is an
order to every
story.

DEMON GATE
**SEILAH,
GODDESS OF
THE CHILL MOON**

My body... My
body is itching
for some
action!!!!

Why
are Jackal
and Tempester
the only ones
who get to
go?! It's not
fair!!!!

Seilah is correct.
Do not be hasty,
Ezel. Soon you
will have your own
task to carry
out.

DEMON GATE

**KYÔKA, GOD-
DESS OF THE
SLAVE PLANET**

And may the
blessings of
the Inferno be
upon us!

CHANK

Prayer...
Murmurs...

DEMON GATE

**KEYES THE BLACK
ARCHBISHOP**

...

DEMON GATE

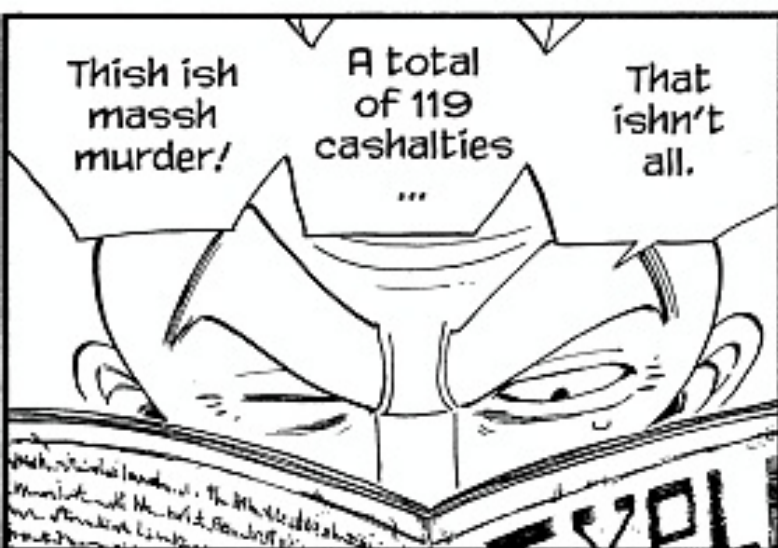
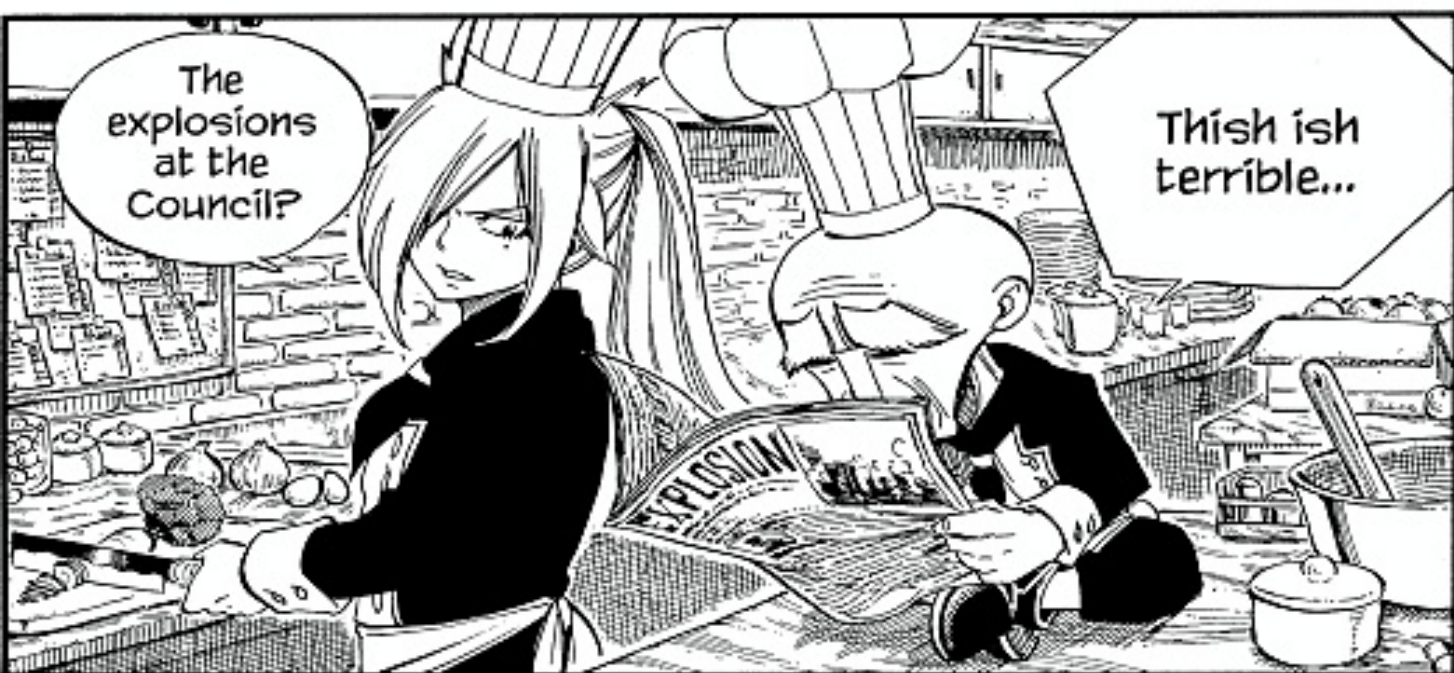
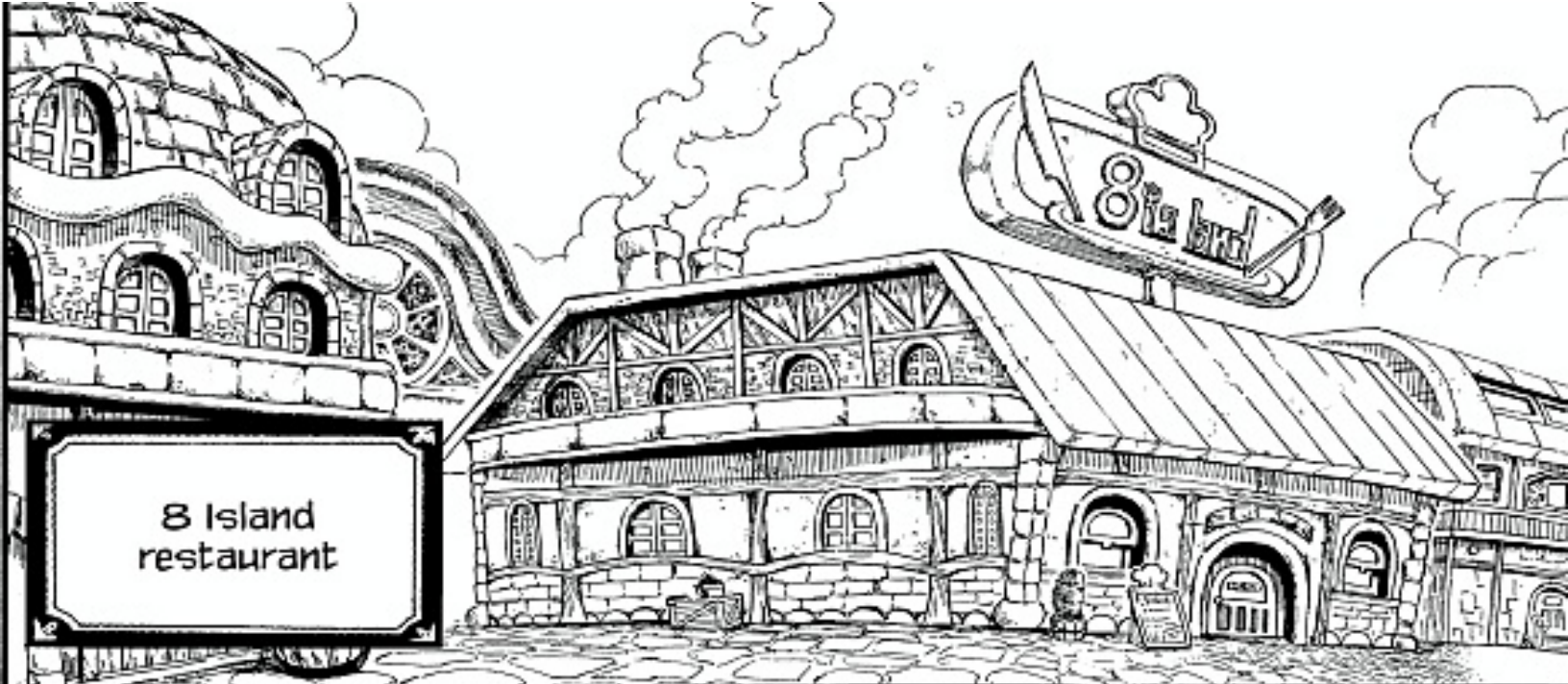
**SILVER OF
ABSOLUTE ZERO**

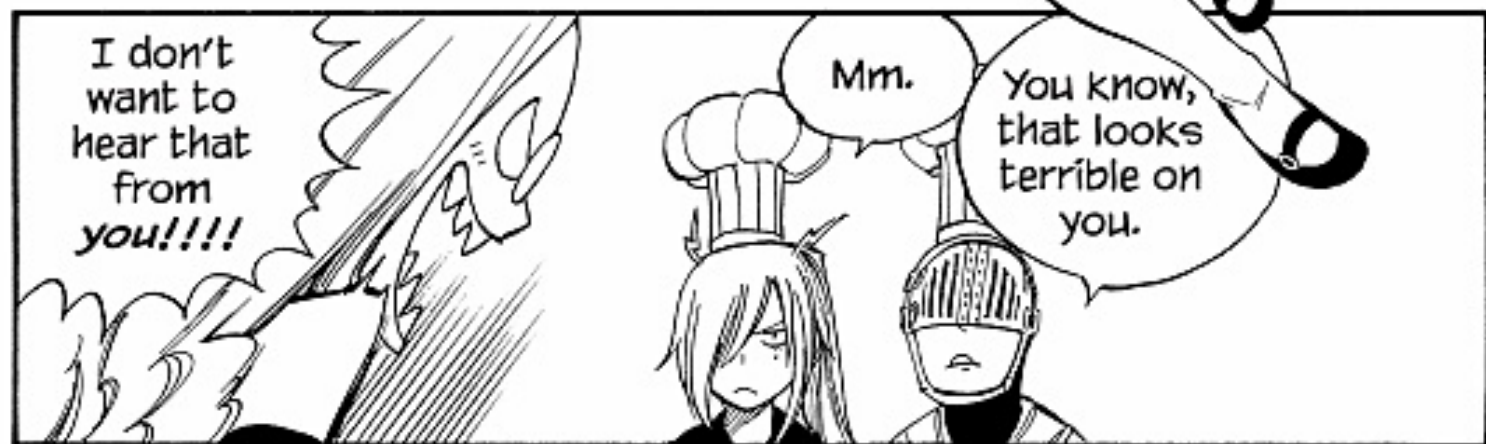
This
is only the
beginning of
the hell we shall
unleash.

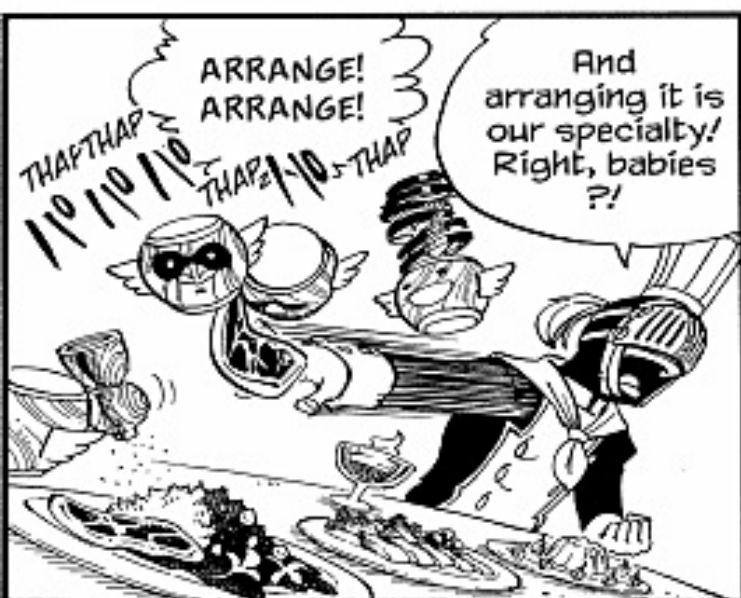


**This is all
for our
master,
Zeref!**

**We
demons will
bring down a
crushing blow
on humanity
!!!**





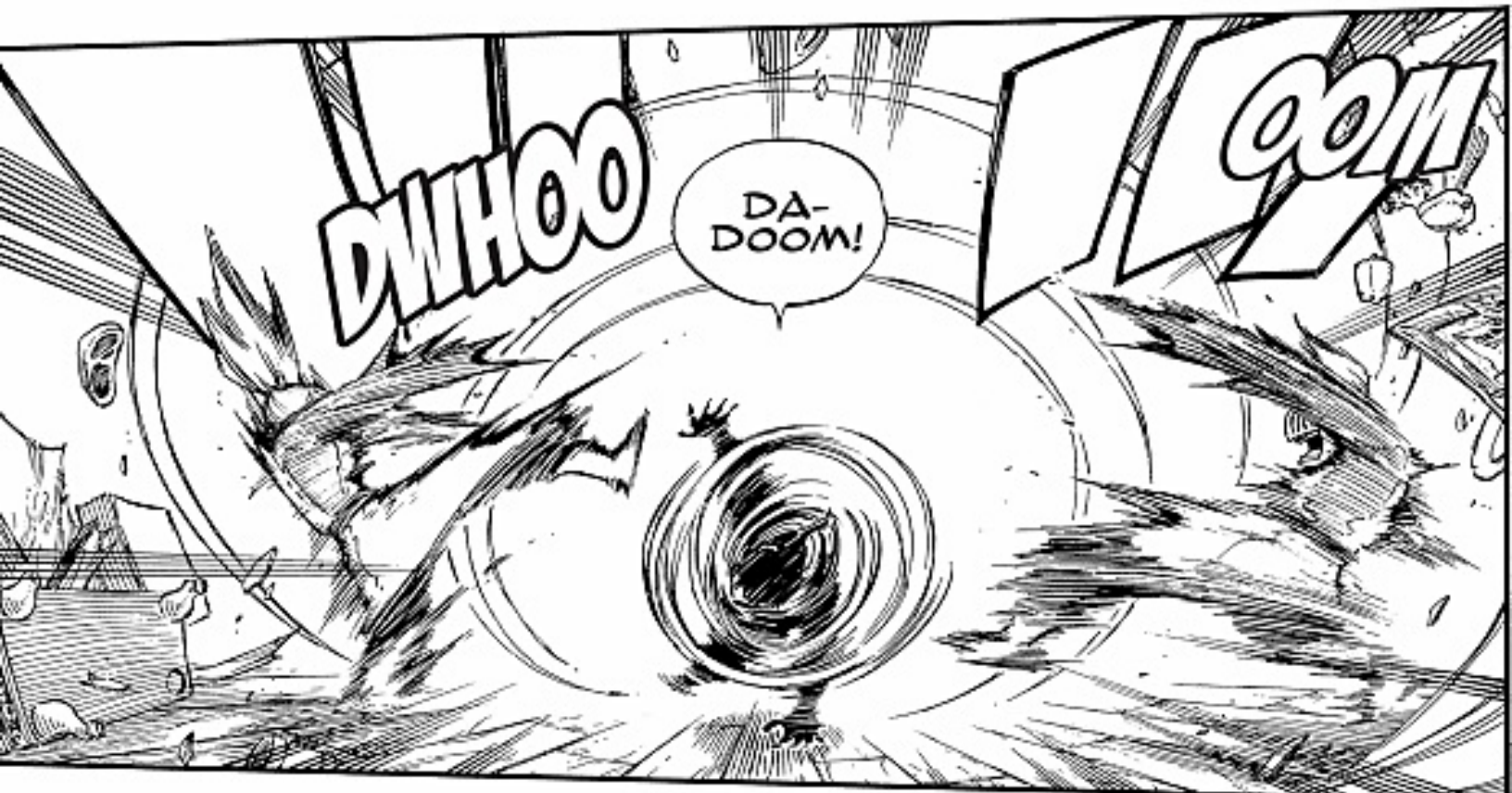
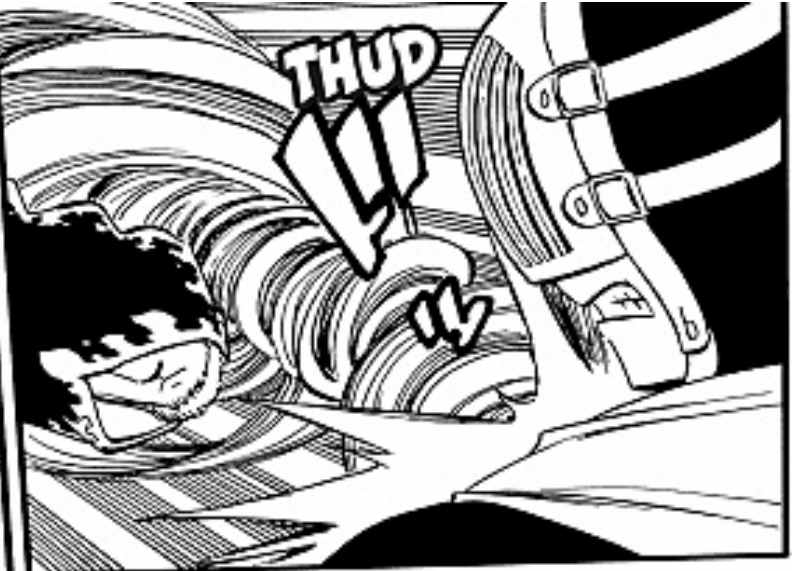


















The gate
to the
Underworld
is open!

Guggghh!

GRNN
GRNN
GRNN

We are
delivering
mankind's
rightful
punishment!



Then this
creep is...



The gate
to the
Under-
world...

Tartaros
?!!



Yajima-
san!!!



**You're not just
targeting the Council,
you're taking out
everyone who was
ever a Council
member??!**



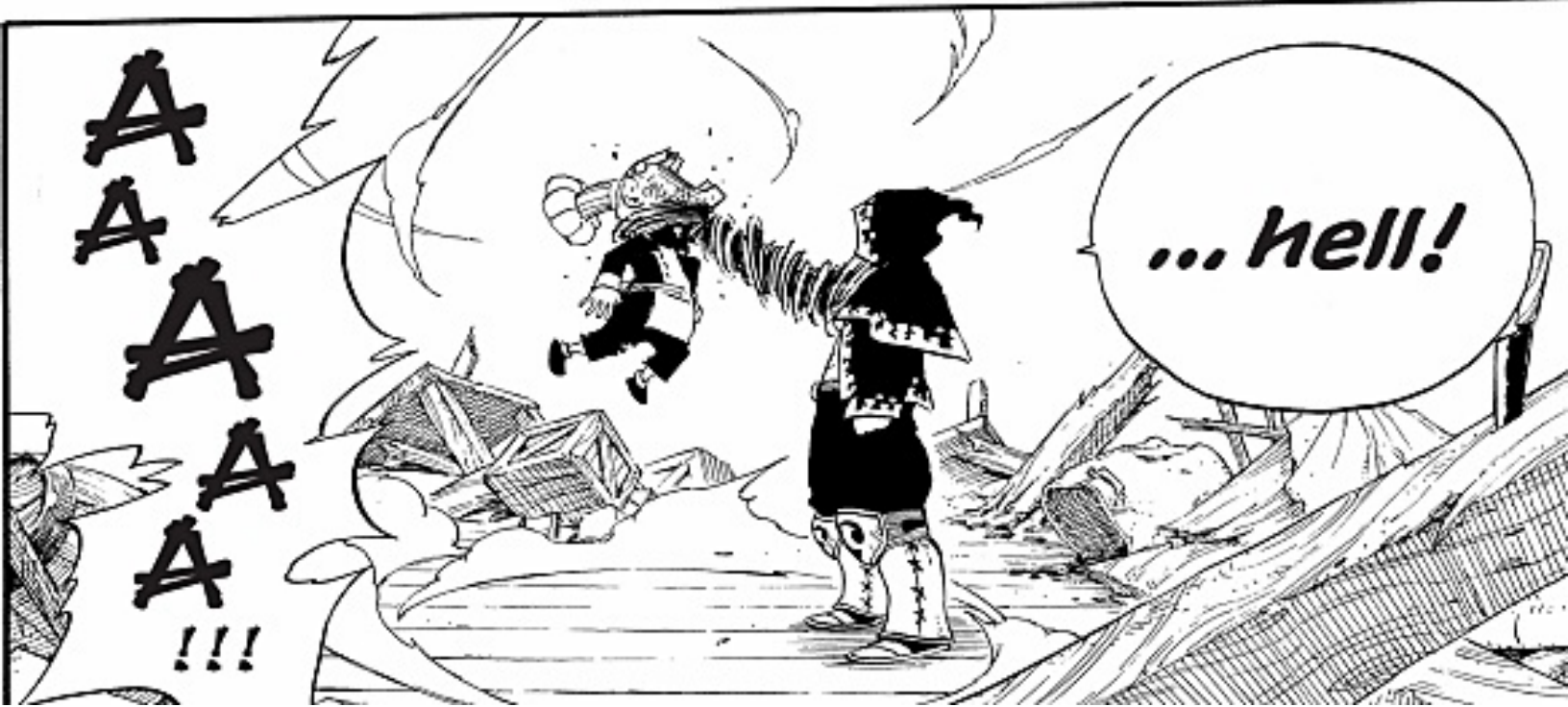
**Nooo
!!!!**



Fall
to...

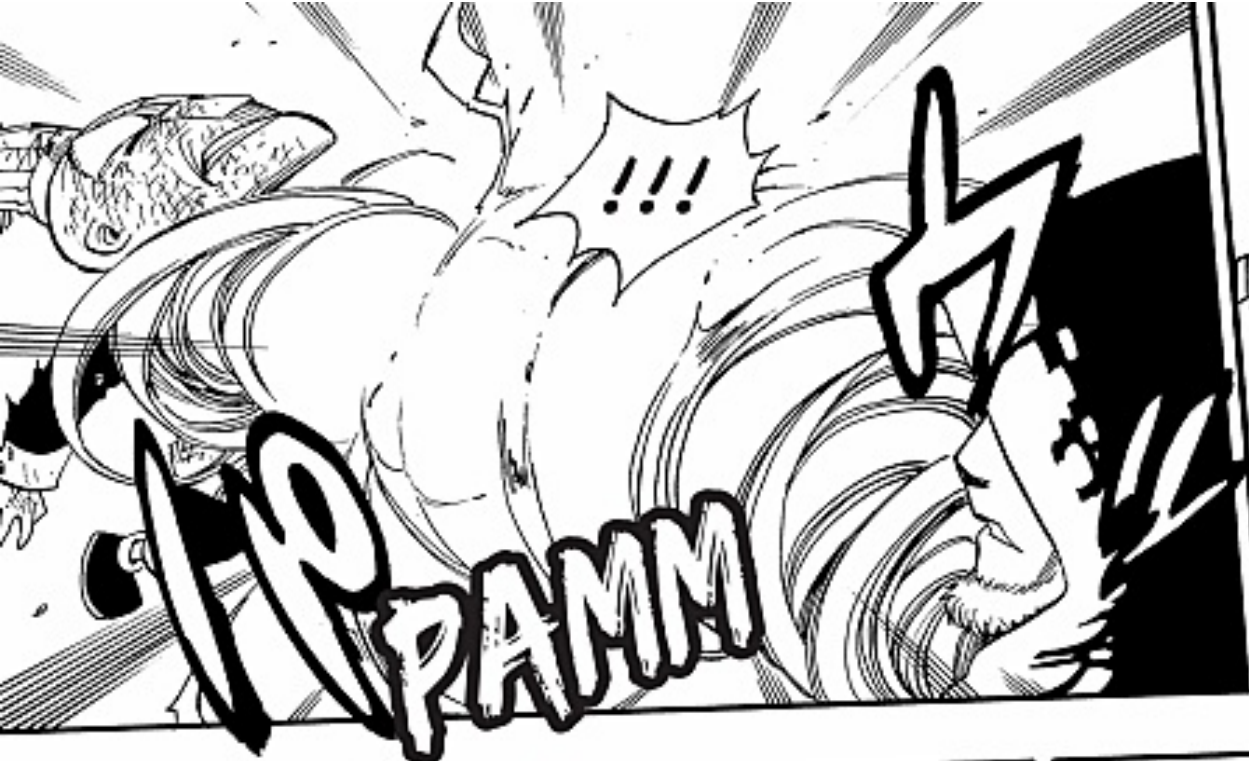


What are
you after
...?!



**A
A
A
A
!!!**

... hell!



Yajima-
san!!!





**... when
it comes
to killing
you...**

**... I'm
right on
course!!!**

FAIRY TAIL

Chapter 358: The Devil Particles



BLUE PEGASUS

Name:

Ichiya Vandalay Kotobuki Age: 36

Magic:

Perfume Magic

Likes:

Every woman in the world

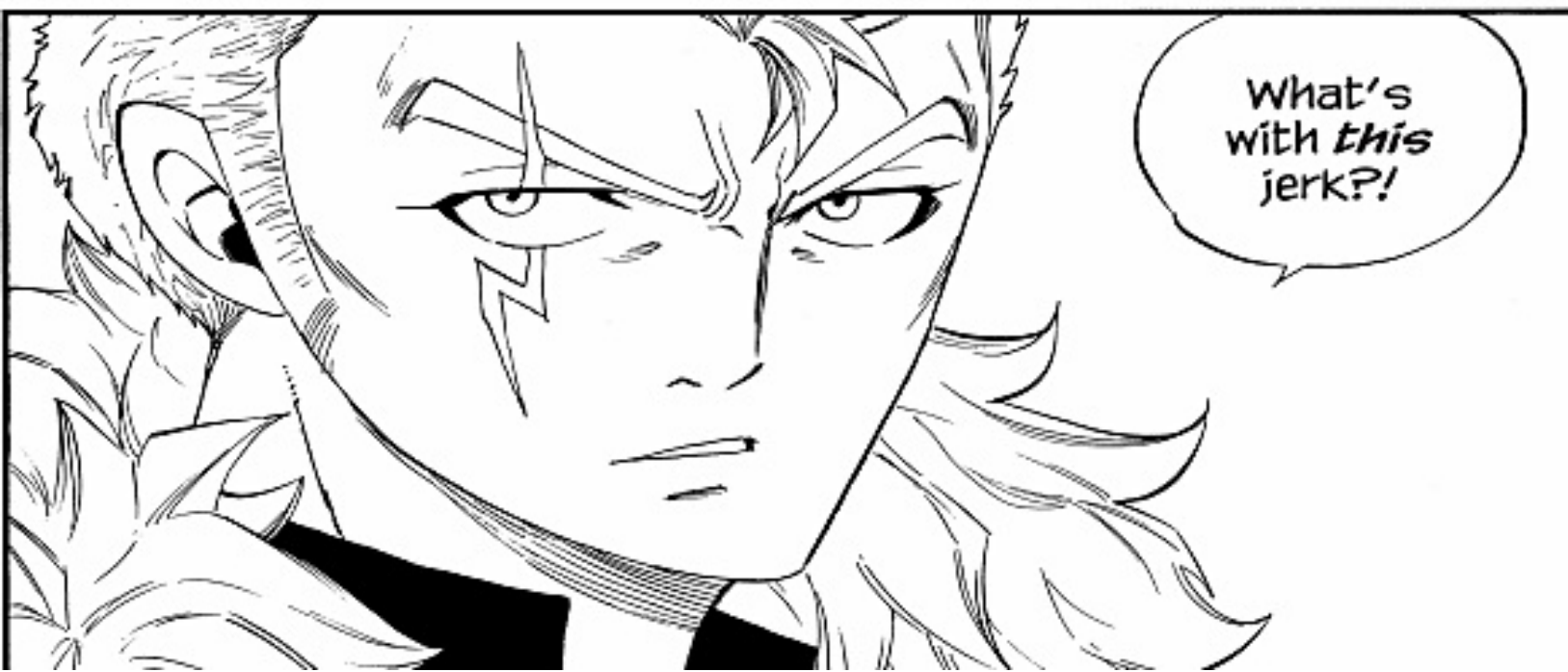
Dislikes:

Stinky things



Remarks

The black sheep of Blue Pegasus, a guild otherwise famous for the beauty of its members. However, his abilities put him above the rest, and he is now looked up to by the rest of the guild. Still, his extreme personality has left him with a horrible reputation among other guilds. When Sirius Island disappeared seven years ago, he kept up the search for the missing Fairy Tail members in secret, and wept for his lost friends time and time again. The tears he shed were the perfume of sadness.





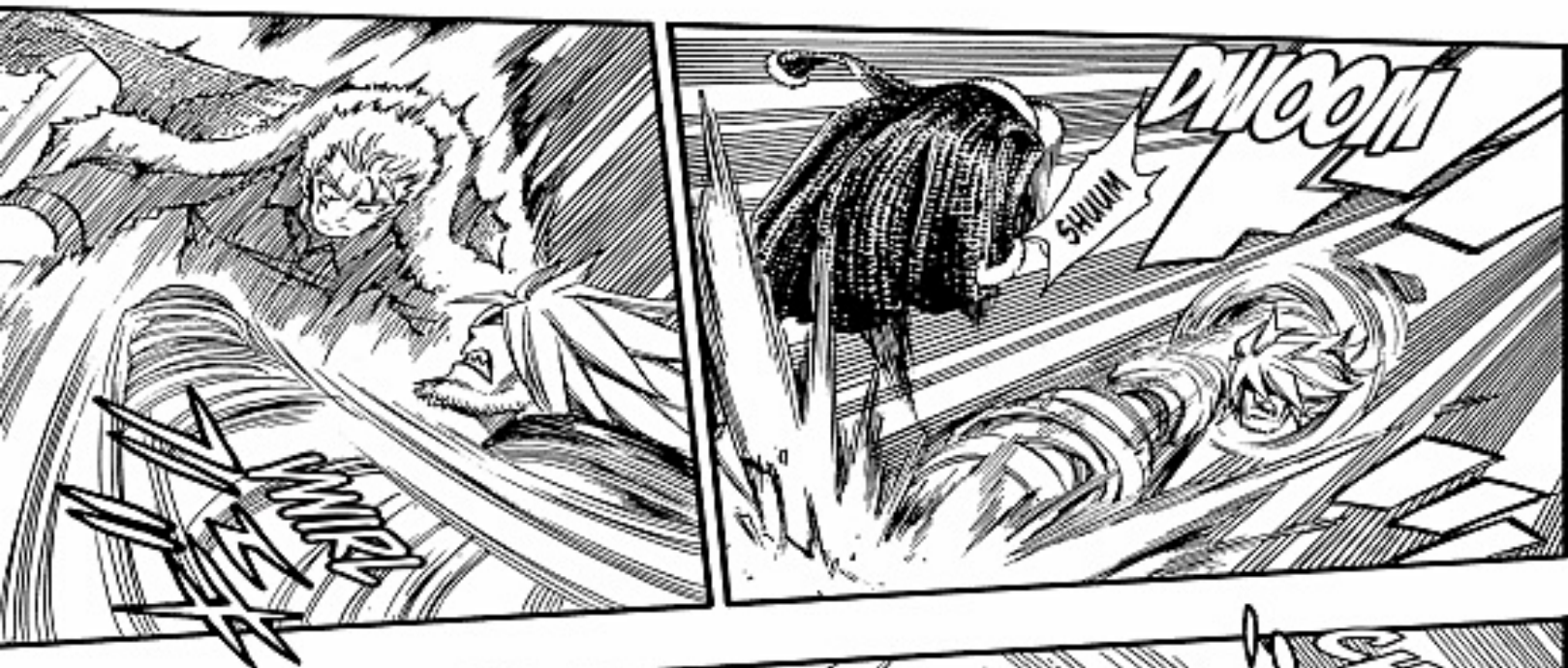


HFFF

DEMON GATE

**TEMPESTER
THE IMMORTAL**

He
ain't
human
?!







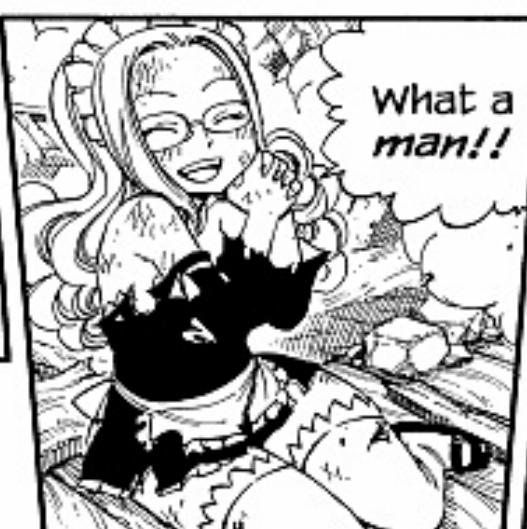
**RAIRYŪ
NO
AGITO*
!!!!**

*Thunder Dragon's Jaw





AH-
CHOO !!

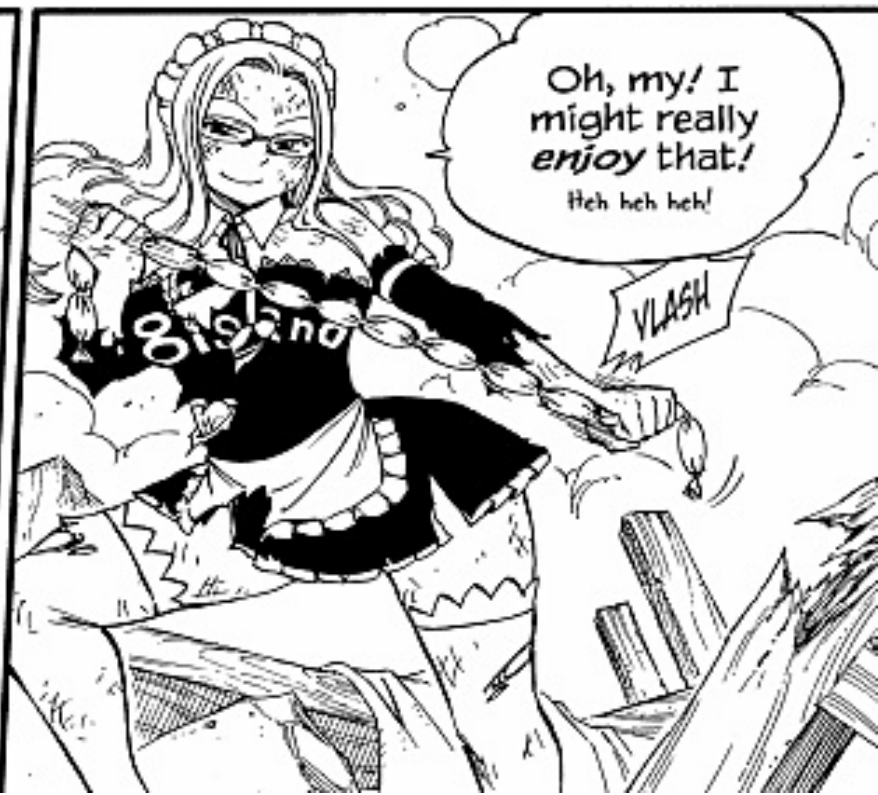
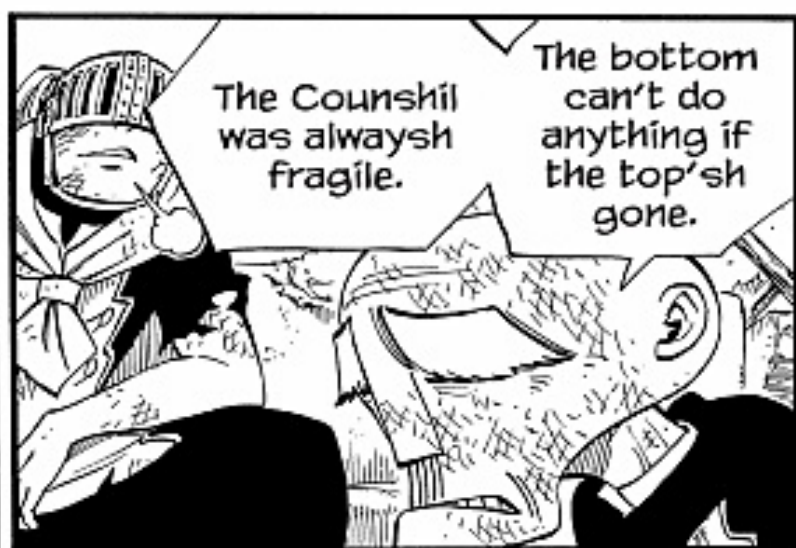


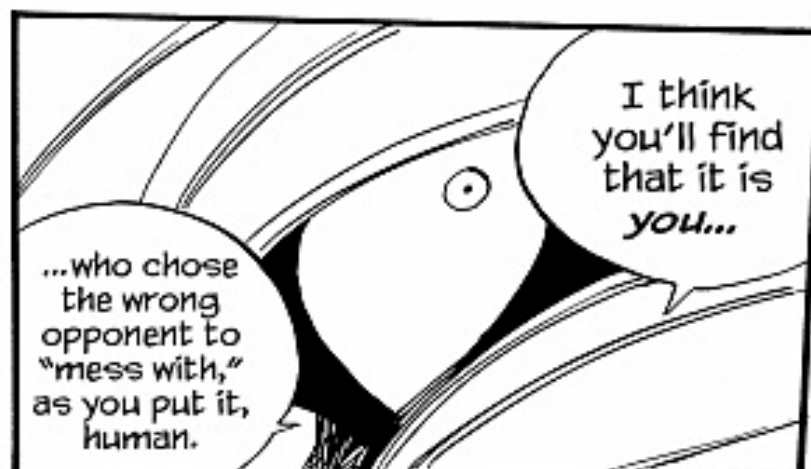
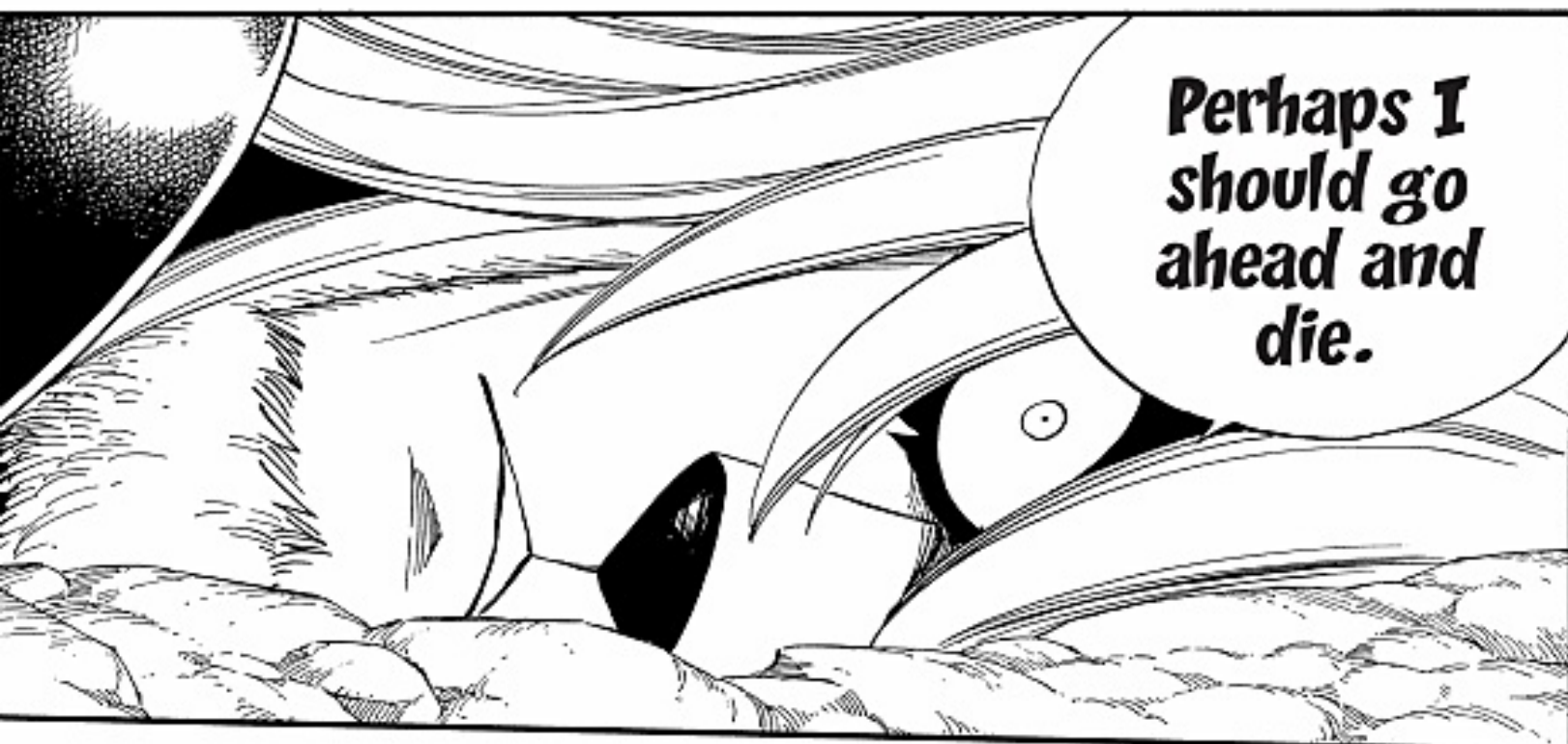
What a
man!!



That's
our
Lexus!!

All
right!!









Mankind
cannot defeat
this malady!



WHOOOOHH
What is
this black
mist?!

It's
spreading
quick!!!



...
eradicating
the etherna-
nos in it!

They
pollute the
air...

These
are anti-
magic *Devil*
Particles!



What you
are feeling
is magic
anemia...

...the onset
of Magic
Deficiency
Disease!



GAHH!

KOFF



They create
an anti-
ethernano
zone?



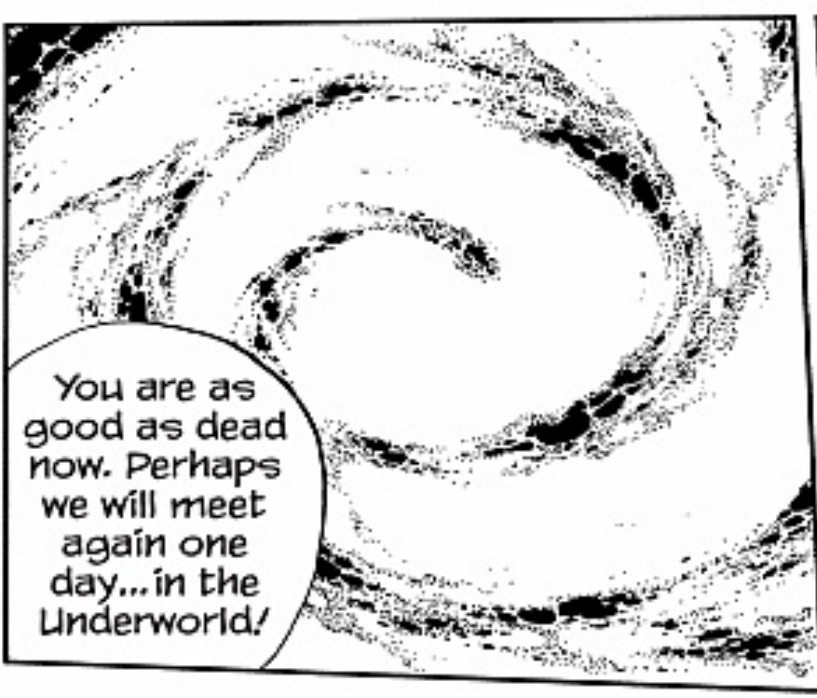
My one weakness is that I cannot regenerate my body until I return to our main guild hall.

ΔΔΔRGH!

This disease is fatal to wizards.

Goh!

Urg...



You are as good as dead now. Perhaps we will meet again one day...in the Underworld!

!!!!

FWAAAAHH



All we can do
now ish run!!
Get away from
the misht!!!

The whole
town will be
polluted!

If we
don't do
something,
we'll all...

Don't
breathe
it in!!!

...an...

WHUD

Yajima-
S...

WHUMP
WAA

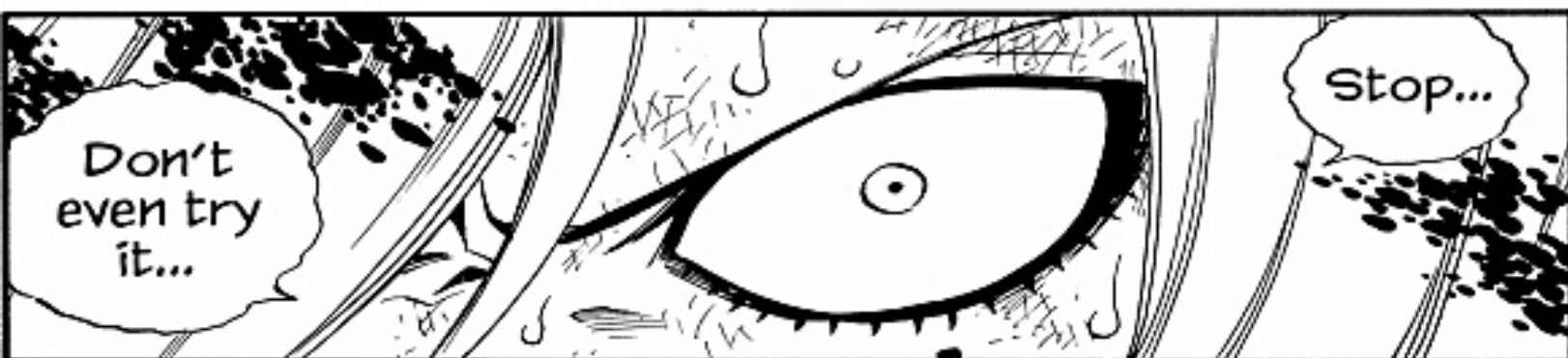
UNGHI

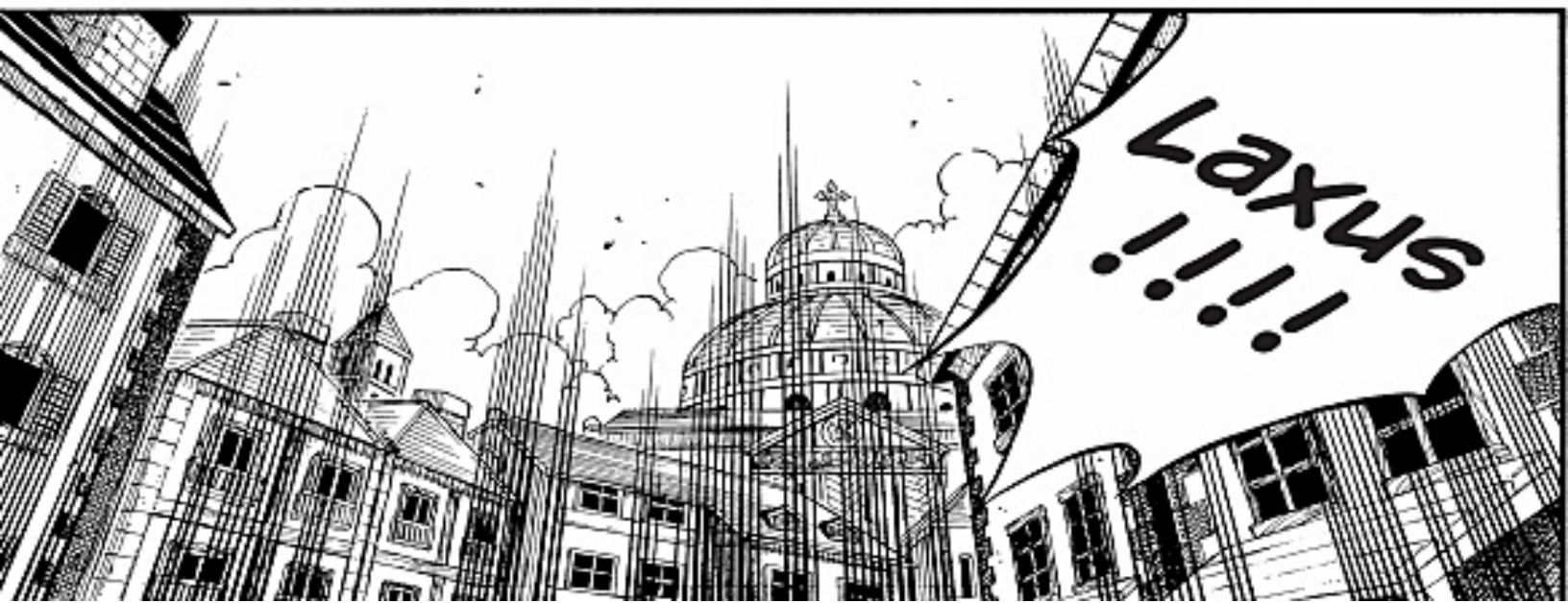
Lexus,
cover your
mouth!!!

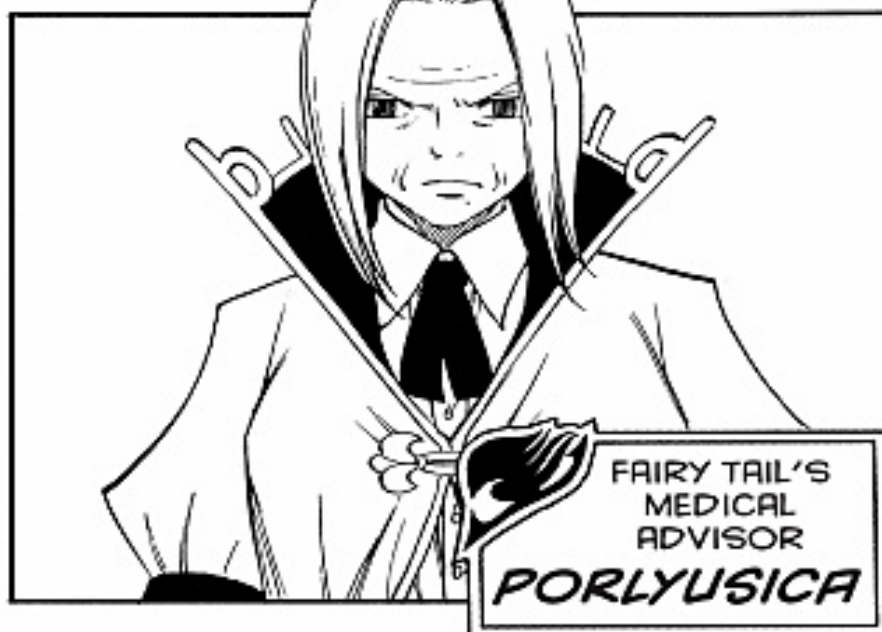
I
won't let
anybody
die!!!

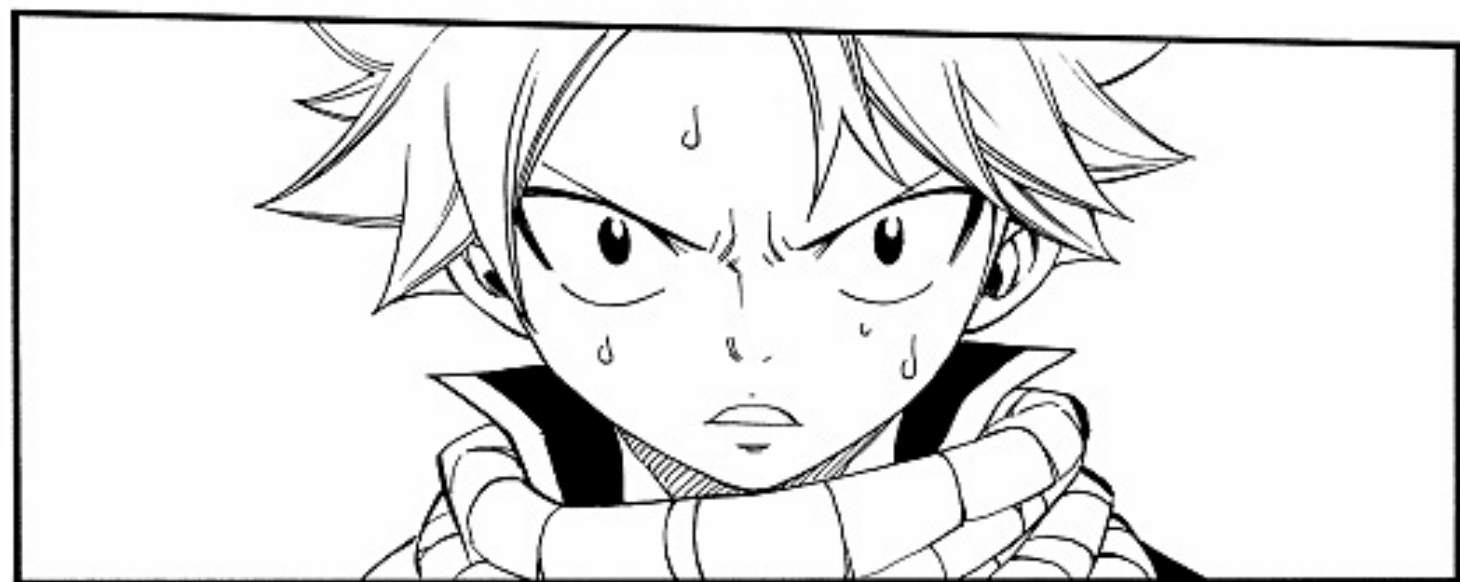
Nobody
dies
here!!!

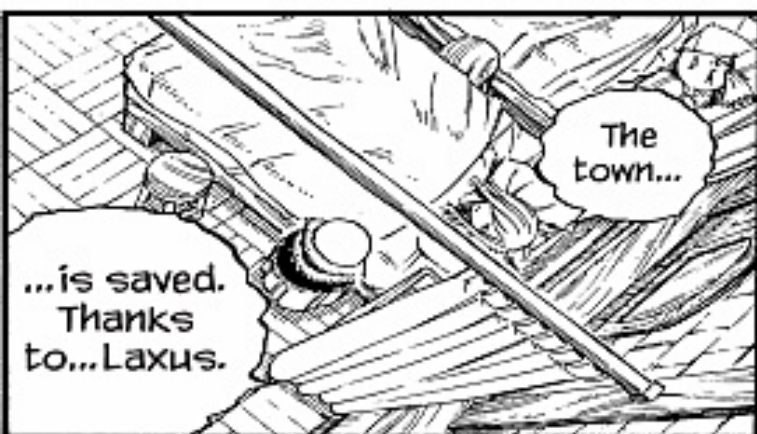
Get
up!!!
Ever
!!!
Bickslow
!!!













We've
got heavy
pollution in
the western
district! We
have to enlarge
the evacuation
zone!!!

Do not
approach
the town
!!!

It is
contaminated
with Devil
Particles!

CLAMOR

CLAMOR

We've found
four more
victims!

This puts
the fatality
count over a
hundred!!

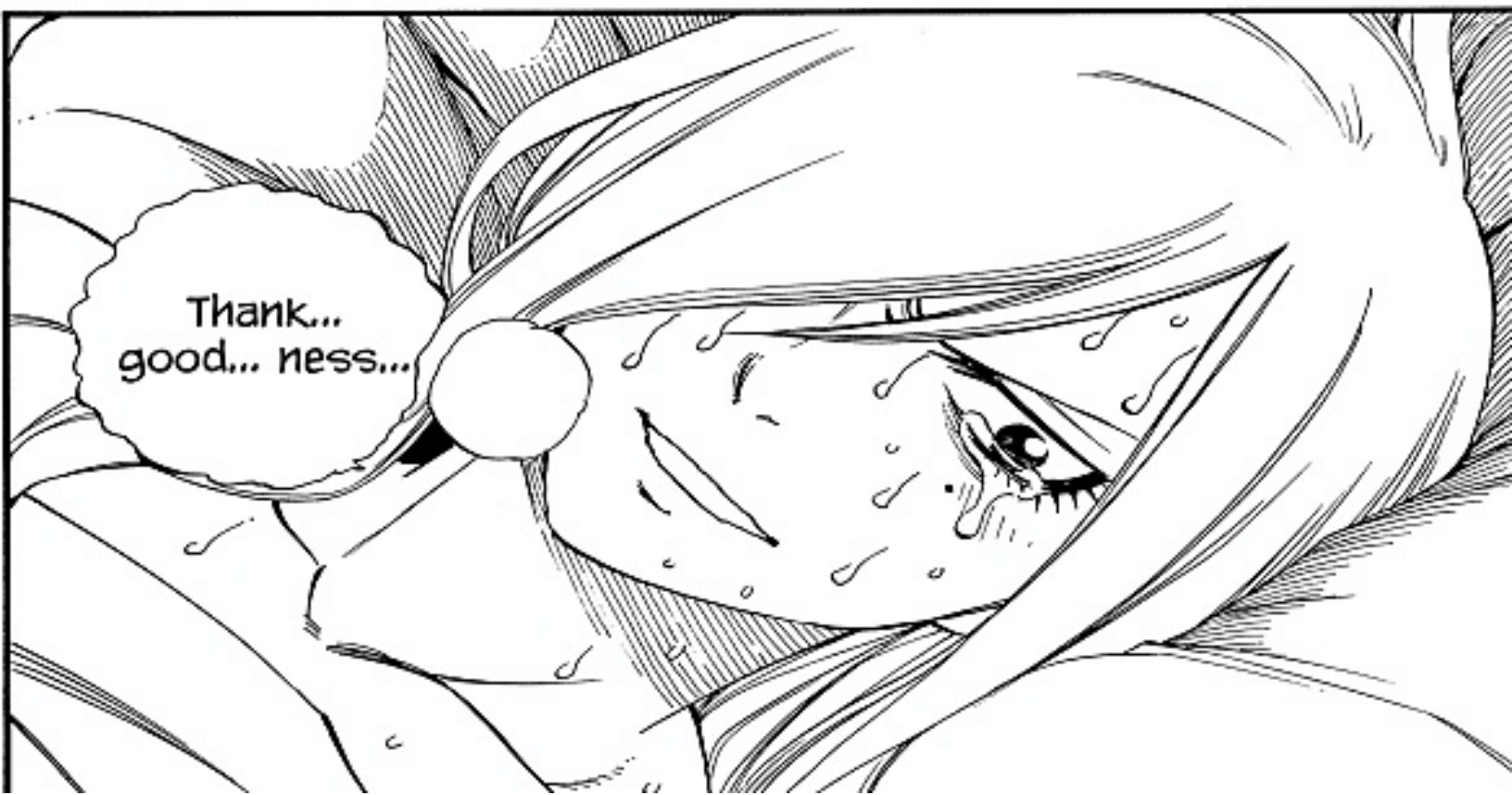
Who'd have
thought this
would even affect
people without
any magic...?

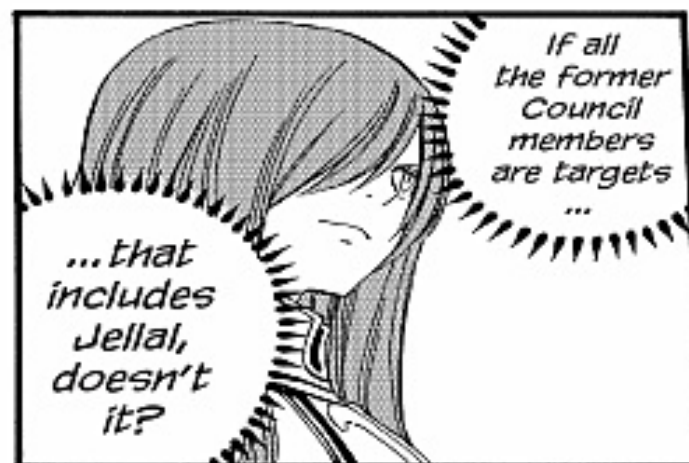
What in
the world
happened
here?!!

CHATTER

CHATTER

CHATTER







***This
is war
!!!!***

FAIRY TAIL

Chapter 359: Fairies vs. the Underworld



BLUE PEGASUS

Name: Hibiki Letis Age: 36

Magic:

Archive

Likes:

All women

Dislikes:

Bugs



Remarks

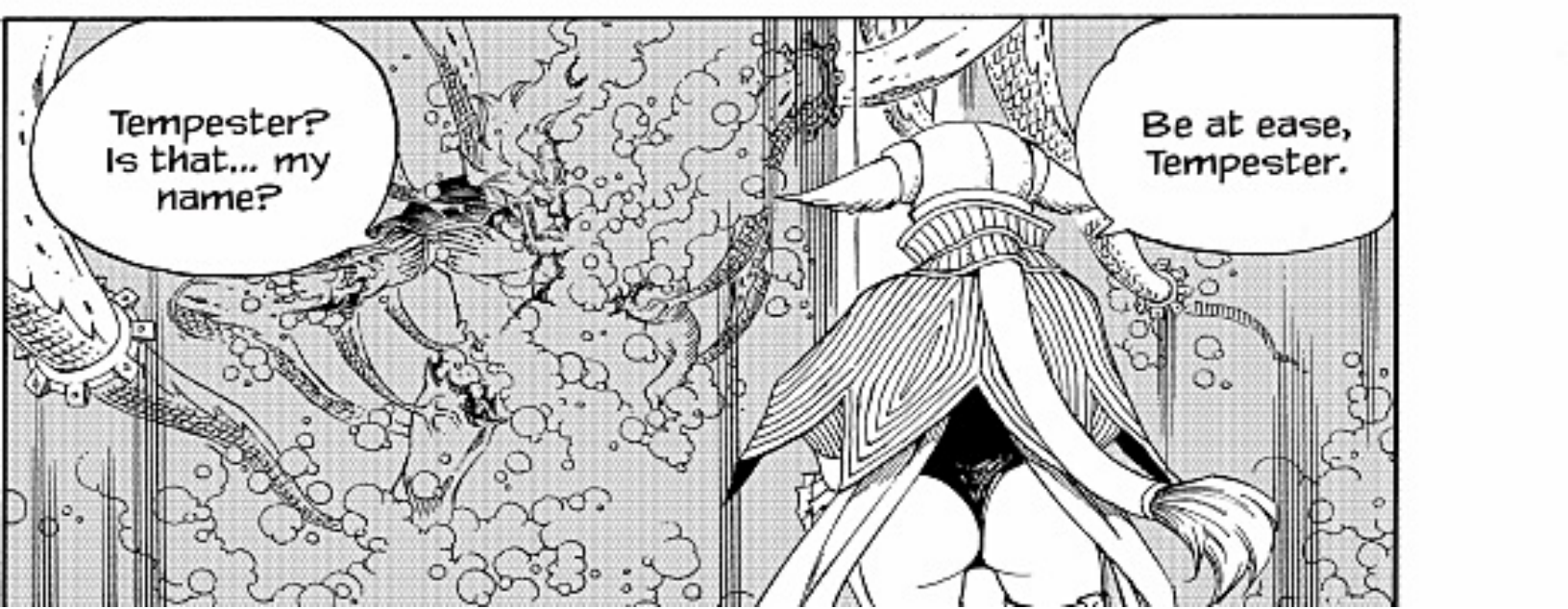
He's held the top spot in the Weekly Sorcerer list of "Wizards I'd Like to Be My Boyfriend" for seven years running. He always has a number of girlfriends on hand, and none of them serious, but the editorial department of Weekly Sorcerer speculates that Jenny of Blue Pegasus is the one he truly loves. Over the past seven years, his speed with his Archive information retrieval has greatly increased. Recently, he's been working on miniaturizing his system.

TARTAROS
GUILD HALL



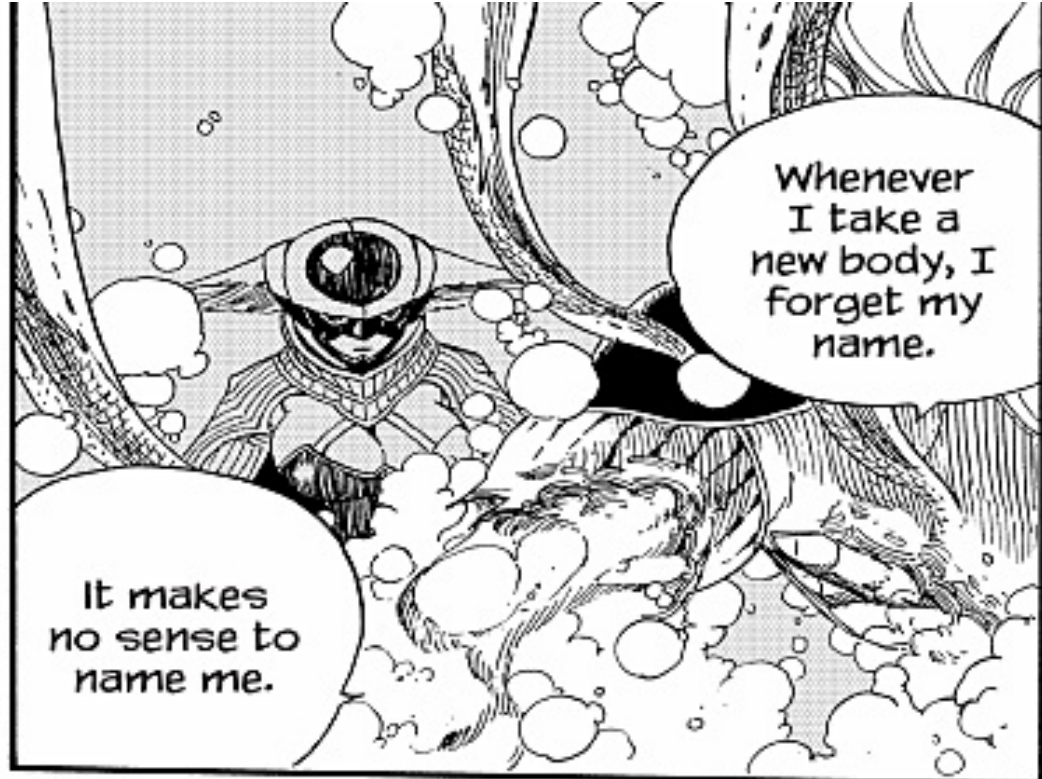
Kyôka.

Sorry to
bother
you...



Tempester?
Is that... my
name?

Be at ease,
Tempester.





MINERVA...

**...has the
potential to
become one
of us.**



Franmalth.

Geh heh
heh!

I hope she
doesn't turn
out like that
defect,
Doriath-san.



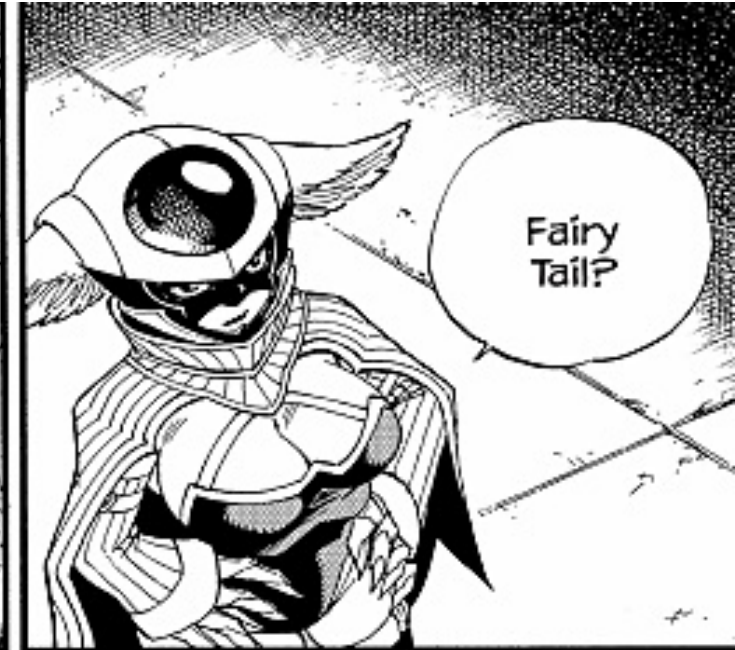
And Tempester-san!
Your regeneration
isn't free either! You
shouldn't go spreading
Devil Particles for no
good reason!

Geh
heh
heh!

I wonder
how much
we wasted
on him? How
much?

If it hadn't
been for their
interference,
this would
never have
happened...

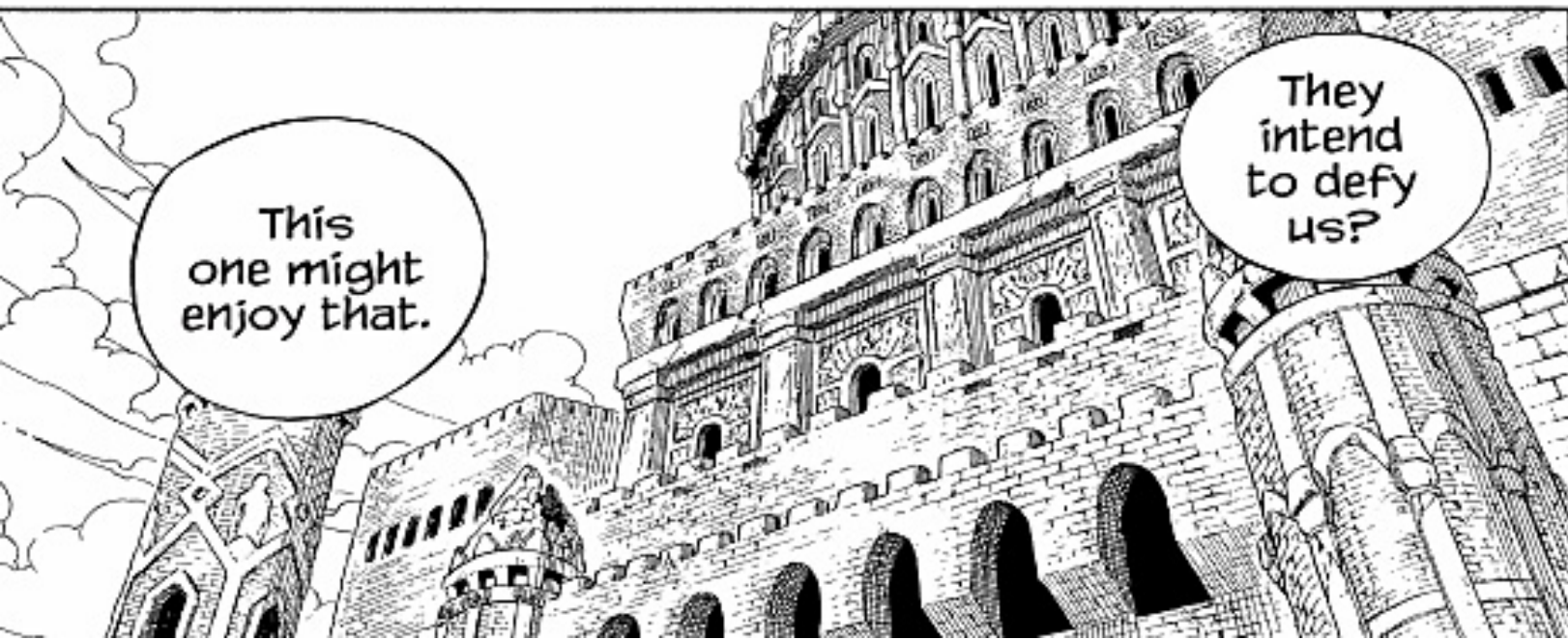
Fairy
Tail...





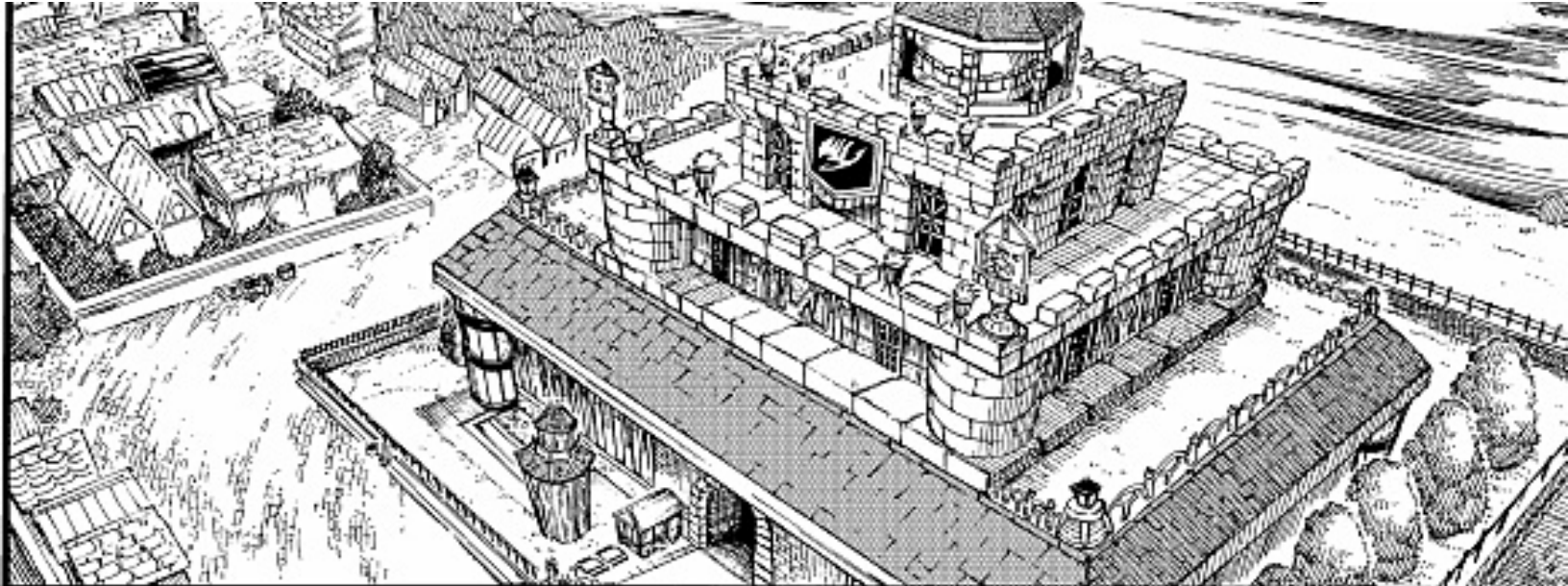
Fairy
Tail...

Heh heh
heh...



This
one might
enjoy that.

They
intend
to defy
us?



**We're
gonna crush
every one
of them
Tartaros
creeps!!!!**

**This
means
war!!!!**



**My head's
already
busted.**

**Let me go!!
I'm gonna
bust some
heads!**

**Just
calm down,
Natsu!!**

**We all feel
the same
way!**



We gotta
attack them
now, old
man!!!!

They
took out our
friends!!!! We
can't let that
slide!!!!



And even the
Council didn't
know where
their guild hall
is located.

We don't
know what
Tartaros is
after.



I can't
argue with
that.

But we
don't have
enough
information.



How
should I
know?!

And where
are *their*
guild
halls?

We can beat
it out of the
other dark
guilds!!!

That's right,
Natsu! How can we
attack them when
we don't know
where they are?

Then we
can't attack
anyone yet,
can we?!



Then if we go to the house of an ex-Council member, we can wait and let *them* come to us.



The one thing we *do* know is that they're after Council members.

And not just the present ones, but the past ones, too.



Bad guys might come for revenge if they knew where the ex-members lived.

Why?

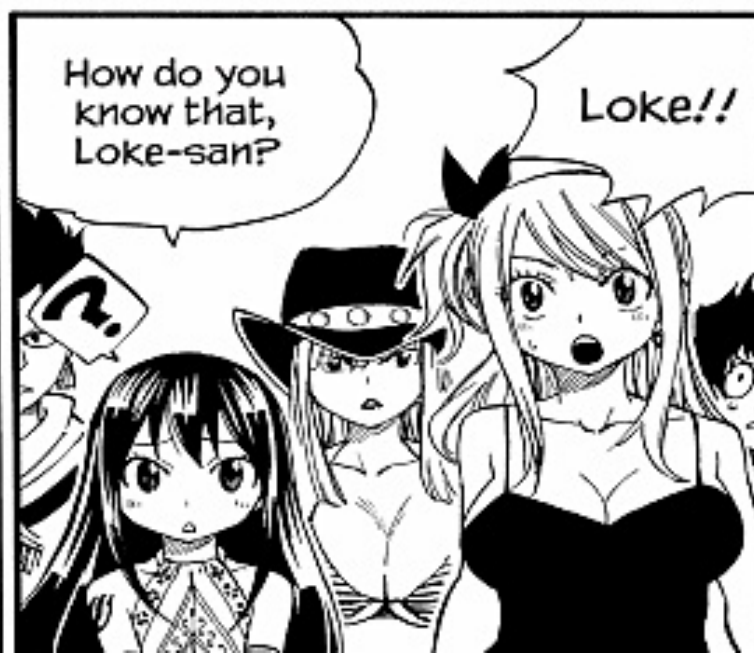


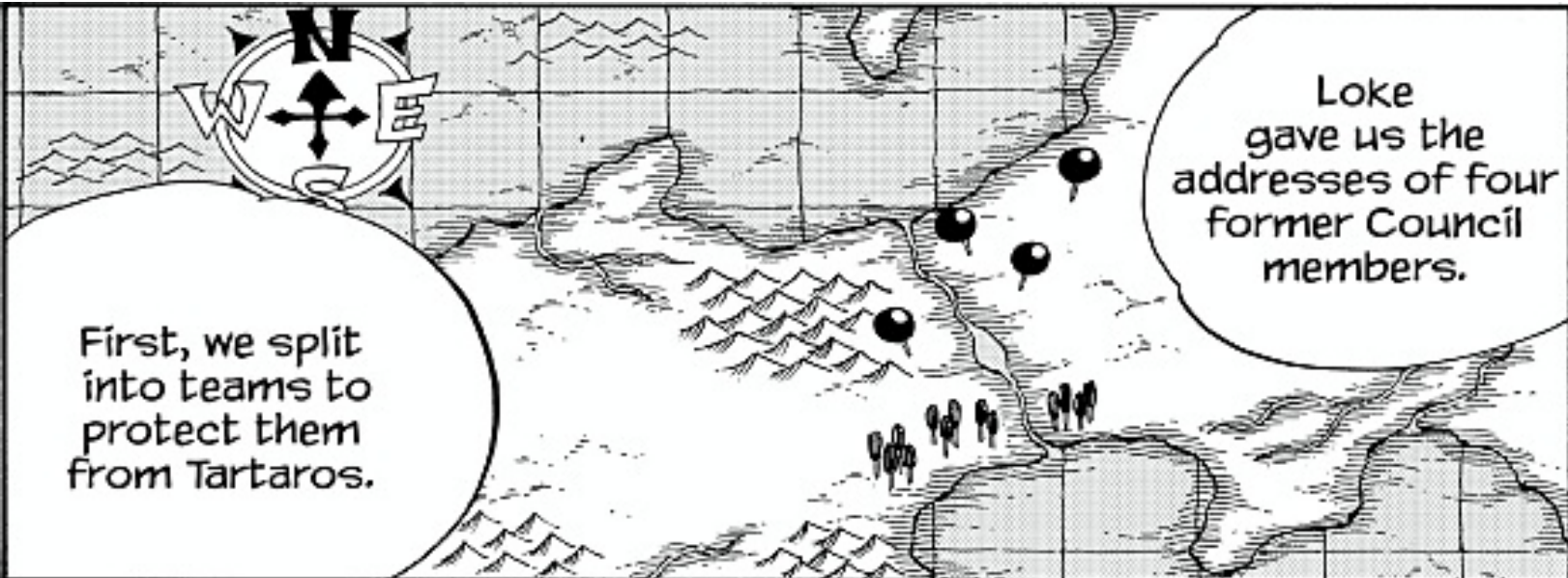
But the addresses of former members are never divulged. Nobody knows where they are.



No. I wouldn't say that.

So we've hit a dead end?





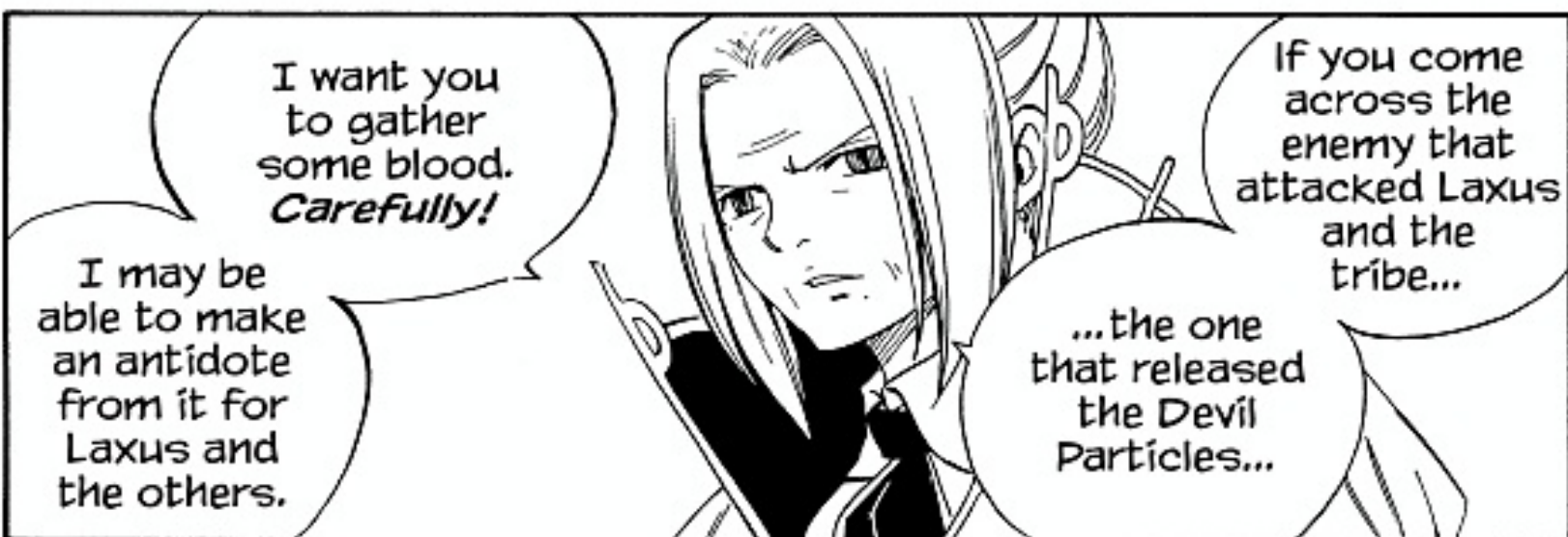
First, we split into teams to protect them from Tartaros.

Loke gave us the addresses of four former Council members.



We need the addresses of other former members... as well as info on Tartaros and why it's targeting them.

While we're there, we try to get info out of them. They will put up stiff resistance.



I want you to gather some blood. *Carefully!*

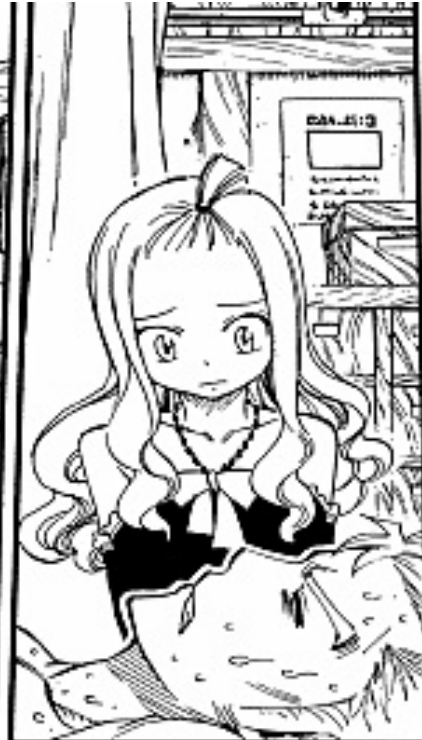
I may be able to make an antidote from it for Laxus and the others.

If you come across the enemy that attacked Laxus and the tribe...

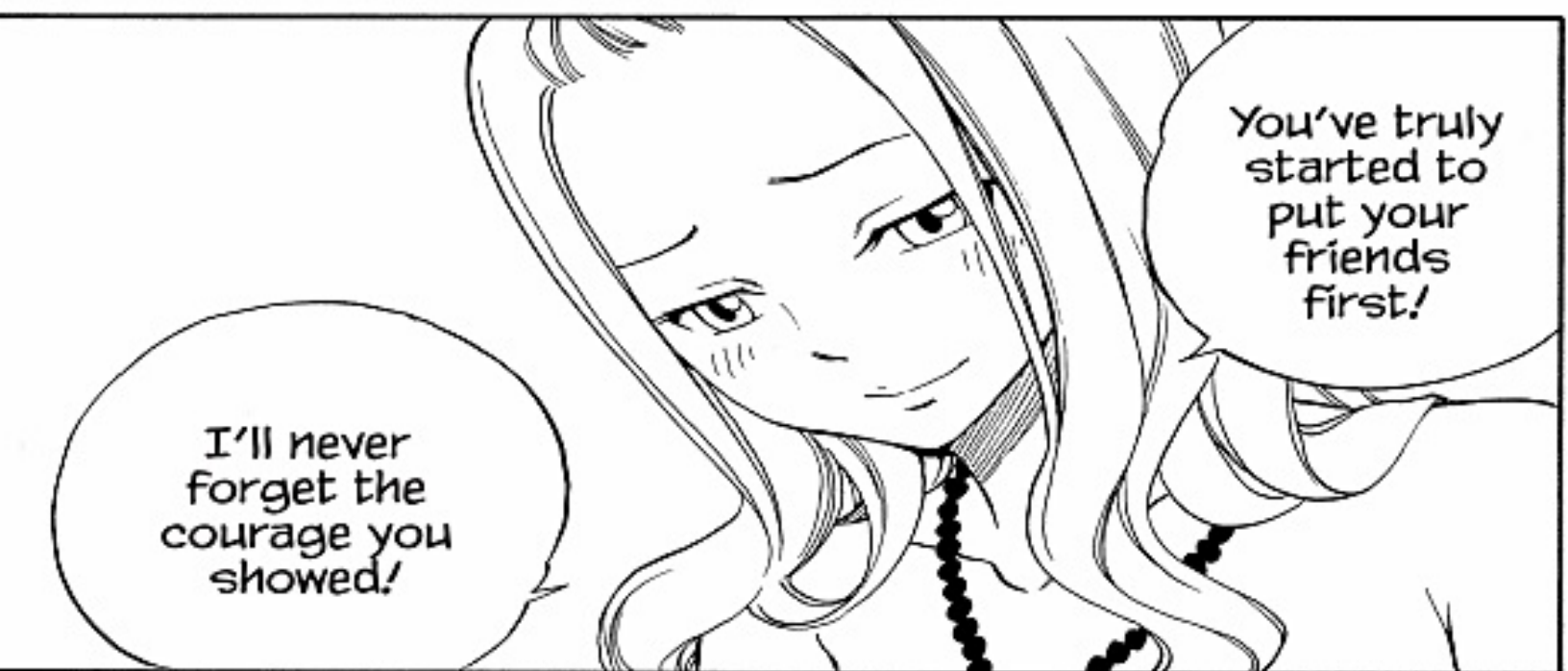
...the one that released the Devil Particles...



Lexus... We
heard what
you did from
Fried...

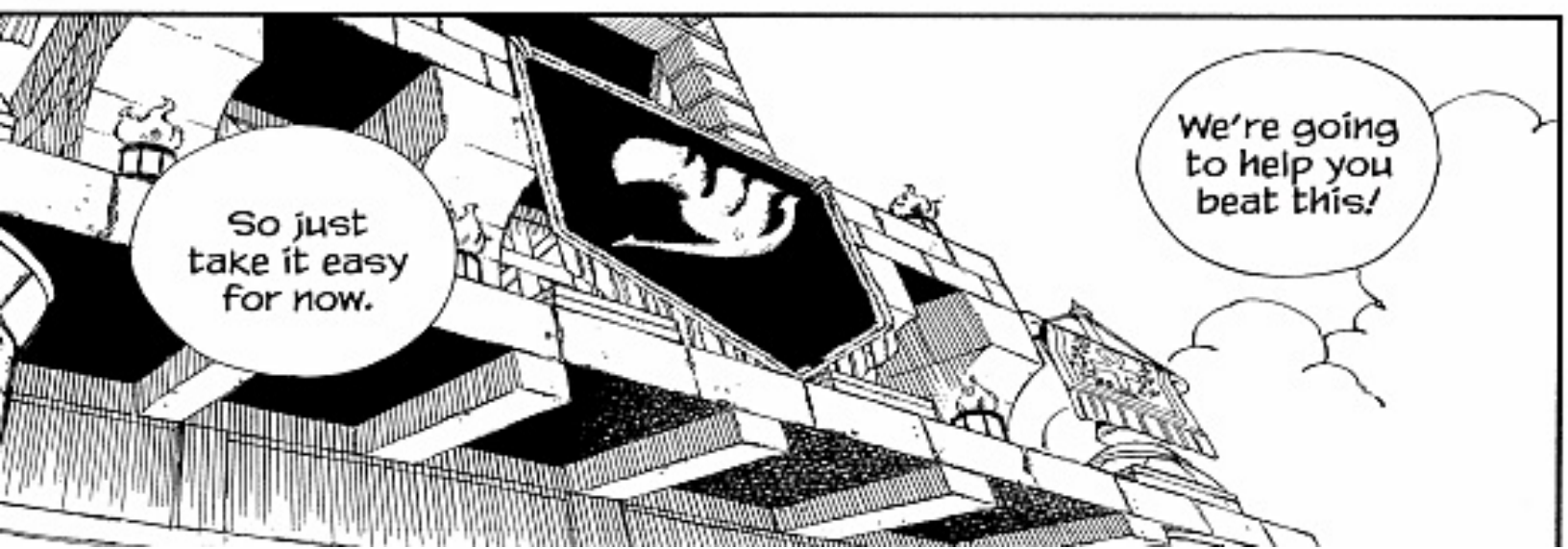


Ever... I'll
get revenge
for you! I
swear it!



I'll never
forget the
courage you
showed!

You've truly
started to
put your
friends
first!



So just
take it easy
for now.

We're going
to help you
beat this!



**The enemy is
Tartaros!!!!**



**But we
took down
those other
two!!!!**



**They are part of
the formidable
Balam Alliance,
as the Oración
Seis and Grimoire
Heart were!!!!**



**We'll make
them regret
ever making
enemies of
us!!!!**

**And
we'll do
the same to
Tartaros!!!!**

**When you spill
blood from one
of us, you are
spilling it from
us all!!!!**



**We feel our
friends'
pain as if
it was our
own!!!!**



**They
hurt our
friends
!!!!**



**I want you to take
the pain and suffering
you're feeling right
now... and use it to
fuel your fight against
our enemy!!!!**



**We're
fighting
because
we
choose to
fight!!!!**



**We're not
fighting
for law
and
order!!!!**



...
**we will
obliterate
our
family's
enemies
!!!!**

FAIRY



**And for
the pre-
cious
bonds
that tie
us to-
gether**

...

Y TAIL



FORMER MAGIC
COUNCIL MEMBER
MICHELLO

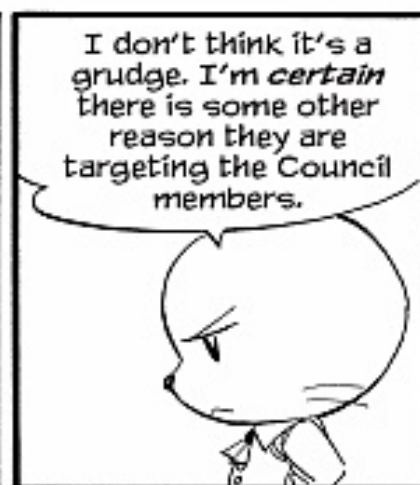


We'll
protect
you! You'd
better let
us!

...and that's
why we've come
here... to be your
bodyguards.











A black and white manga panel of Natsu Dragneel. He has spiky, flame-like hair and is wearing his signature dark scarf and a guild emblem on his left sleeve. He has a determined, slightly smug expression.

**I'm Natsu
of Fairy
Tail!!!**

**Time to
hunt some
demons!!**

A black and white manga panel of Erza Scarlet. She has short, straight hair and is wearing a dark, patterned top with a high collar and a striped skirt. She has a serious, questioning expression.

**Who're
you?**

FAIRY TAIL

Chapter 360: The White Inheritance

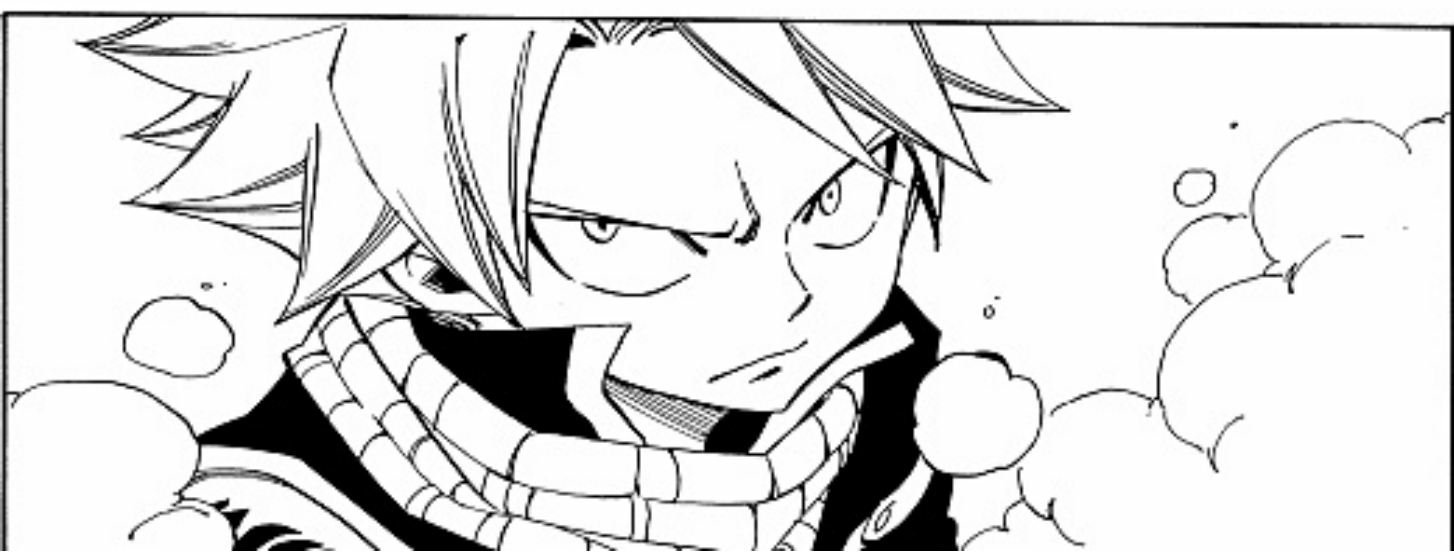
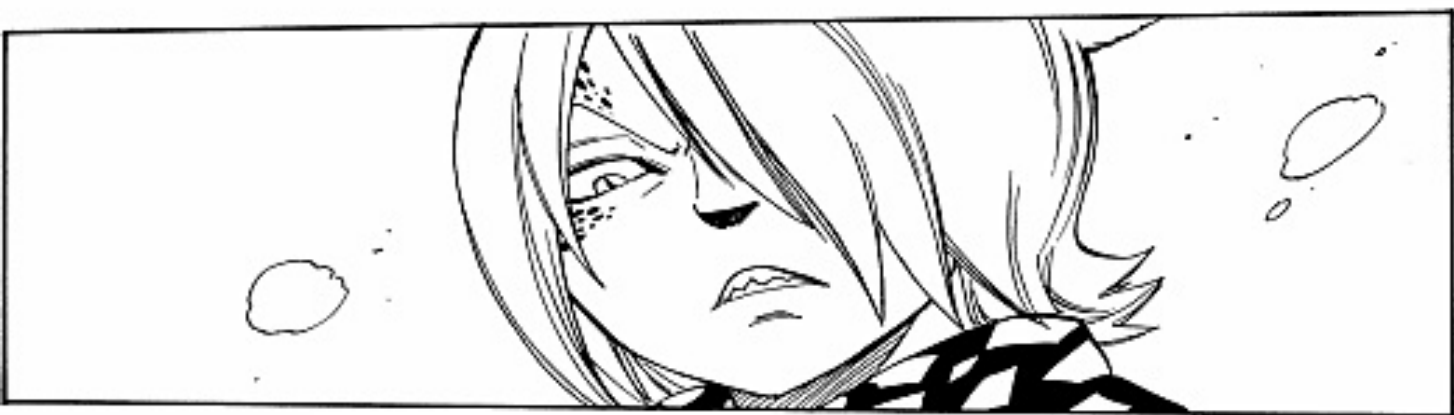


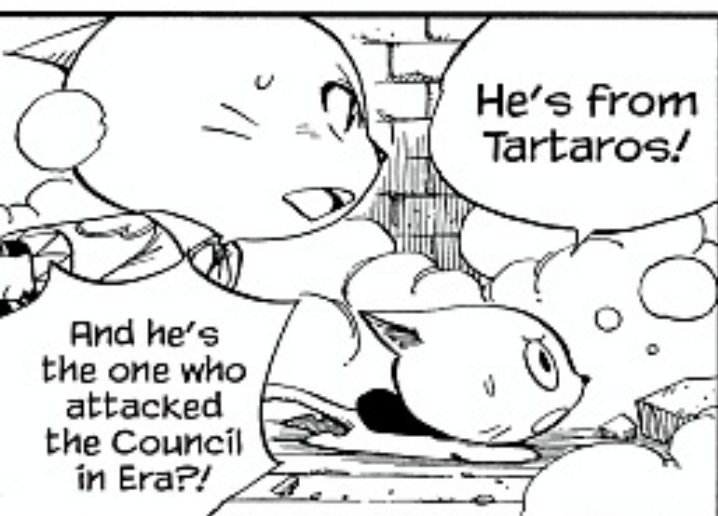
Remarks

The *tsundere** of Blue Pegasus, he's very popular with the ladies. But seven years ago, he met Sherry of Lamia on a mission, and started dating her. Believe it or not, he's never dated another girl since. He's completely devoted to Sherry.

He was already "Big Brother Ren" to Sherria, and has a close relationship with her. The only person who opposes his relationship with Sherry is the master of Lamia, Ooba Babasaama. What will become of the star-crossed lovers separated by their guilds?!

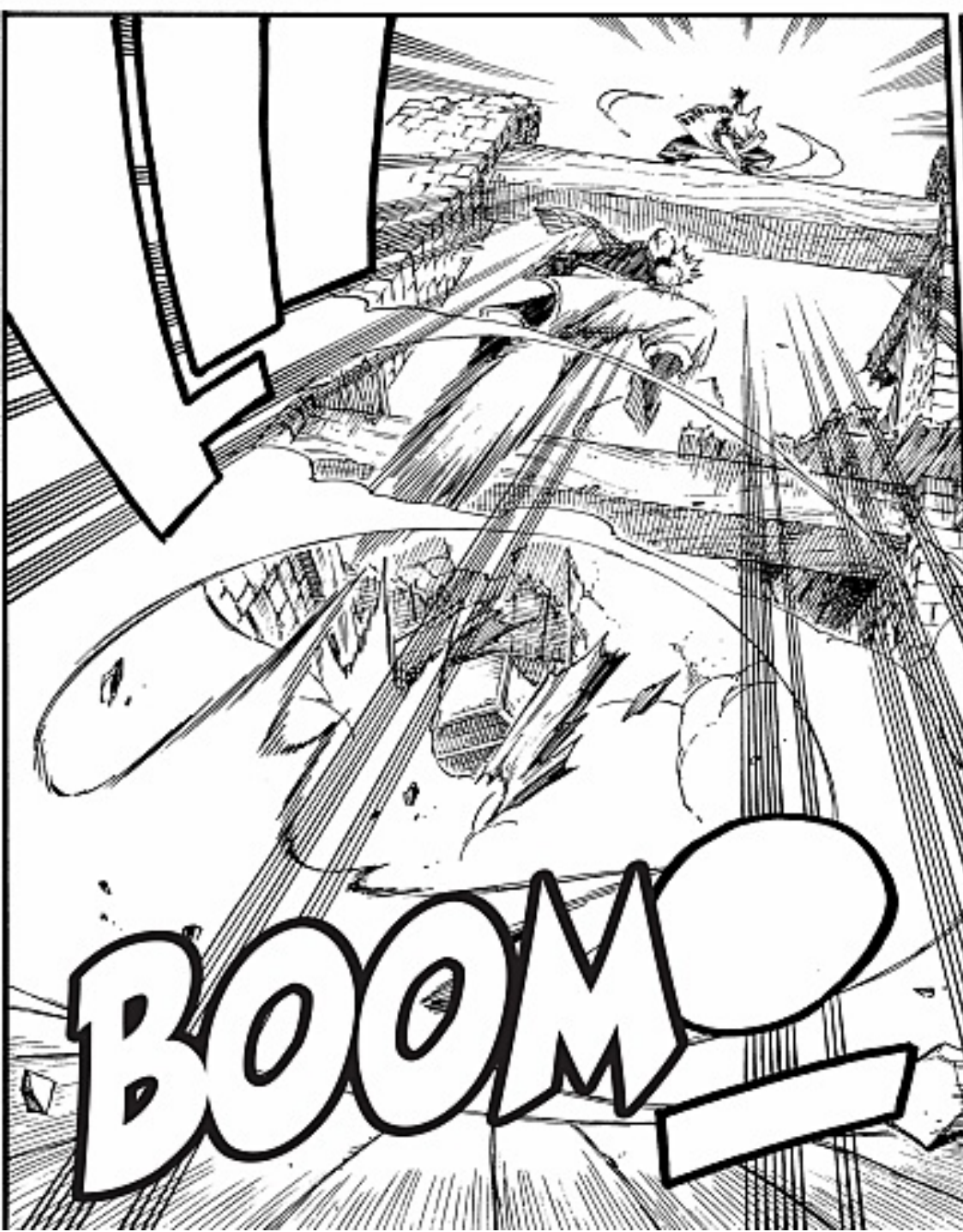
**Tsundere* means someone who is usually prickly but expresses affection during moments of weakness.









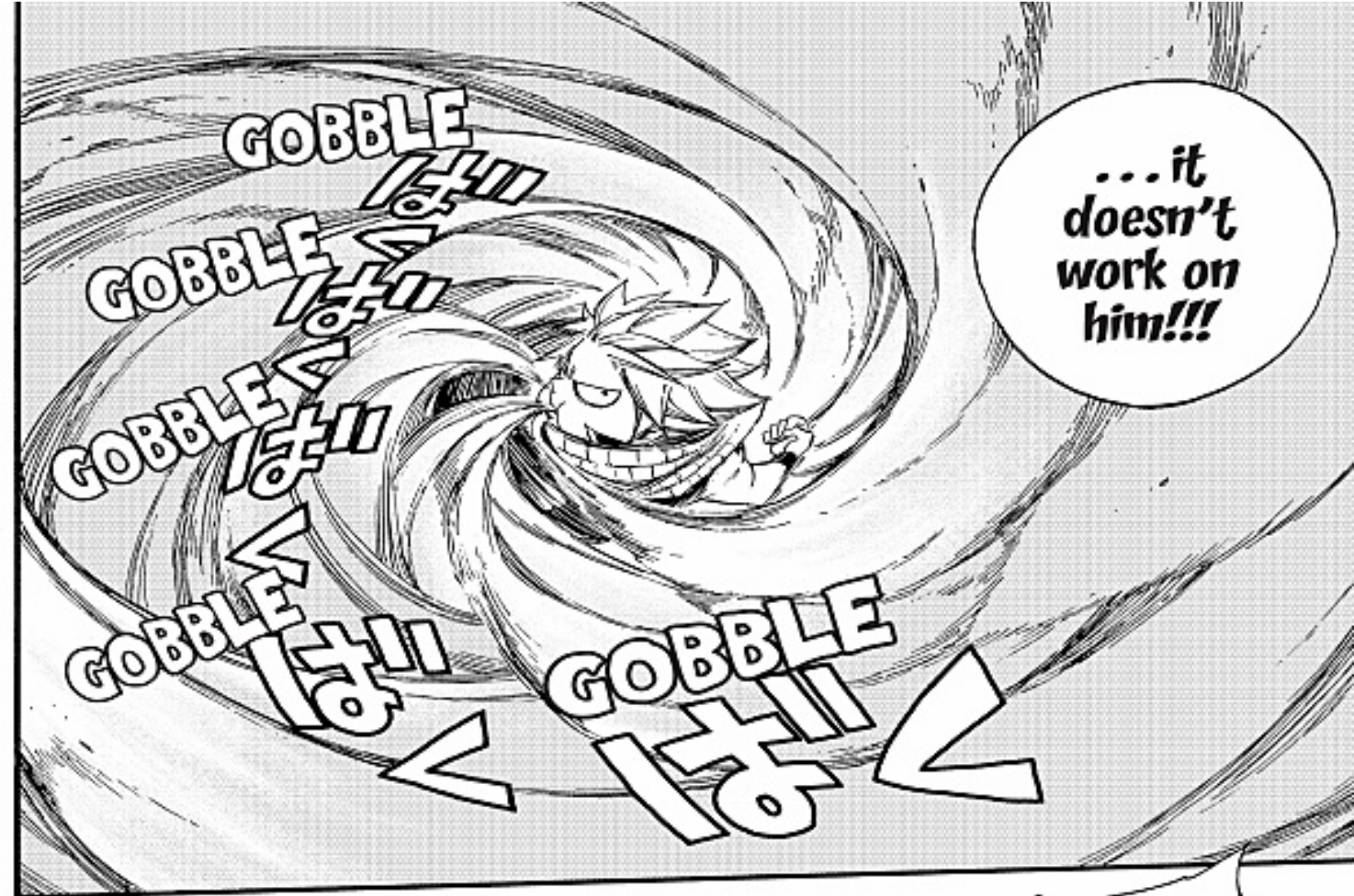




Natsu uses
heat-based
magic, so...

It's all
right.

A direct
hit?!!!

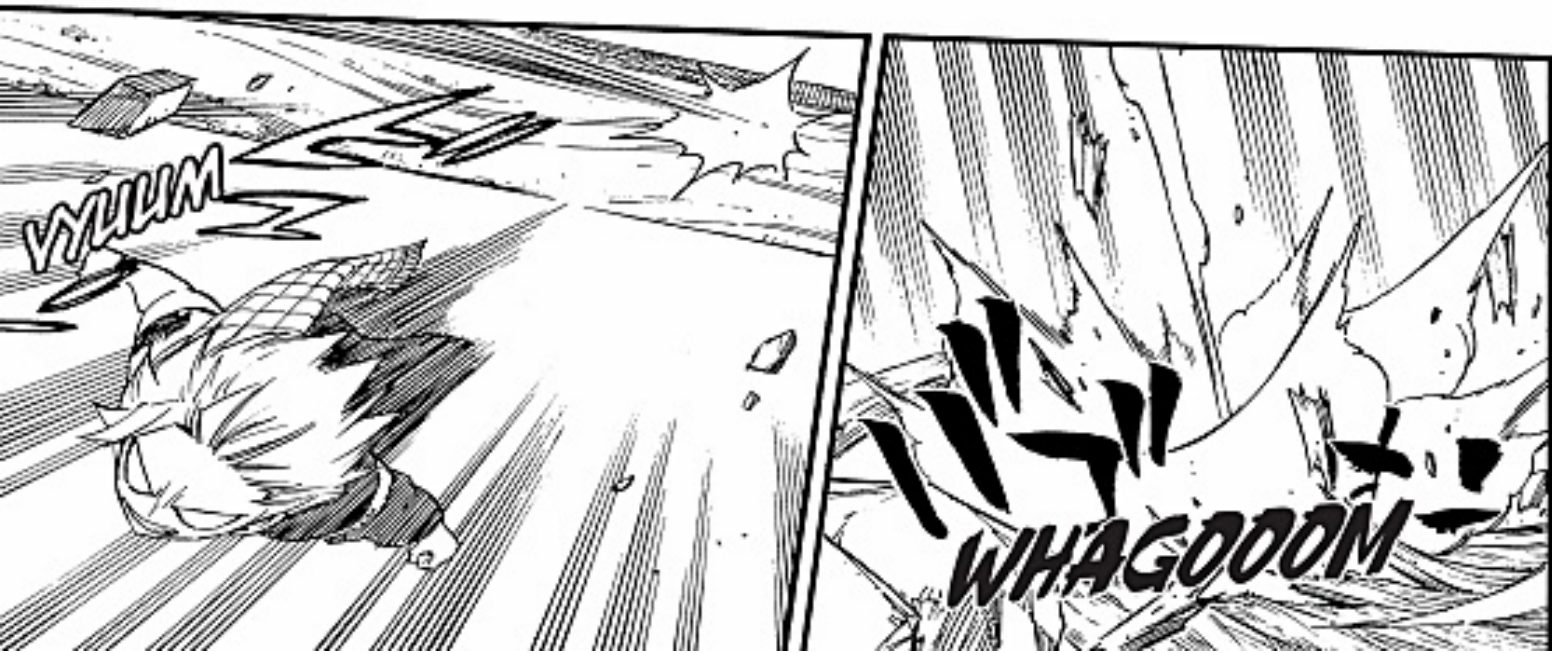


...it
doesn't
work on
him!!!

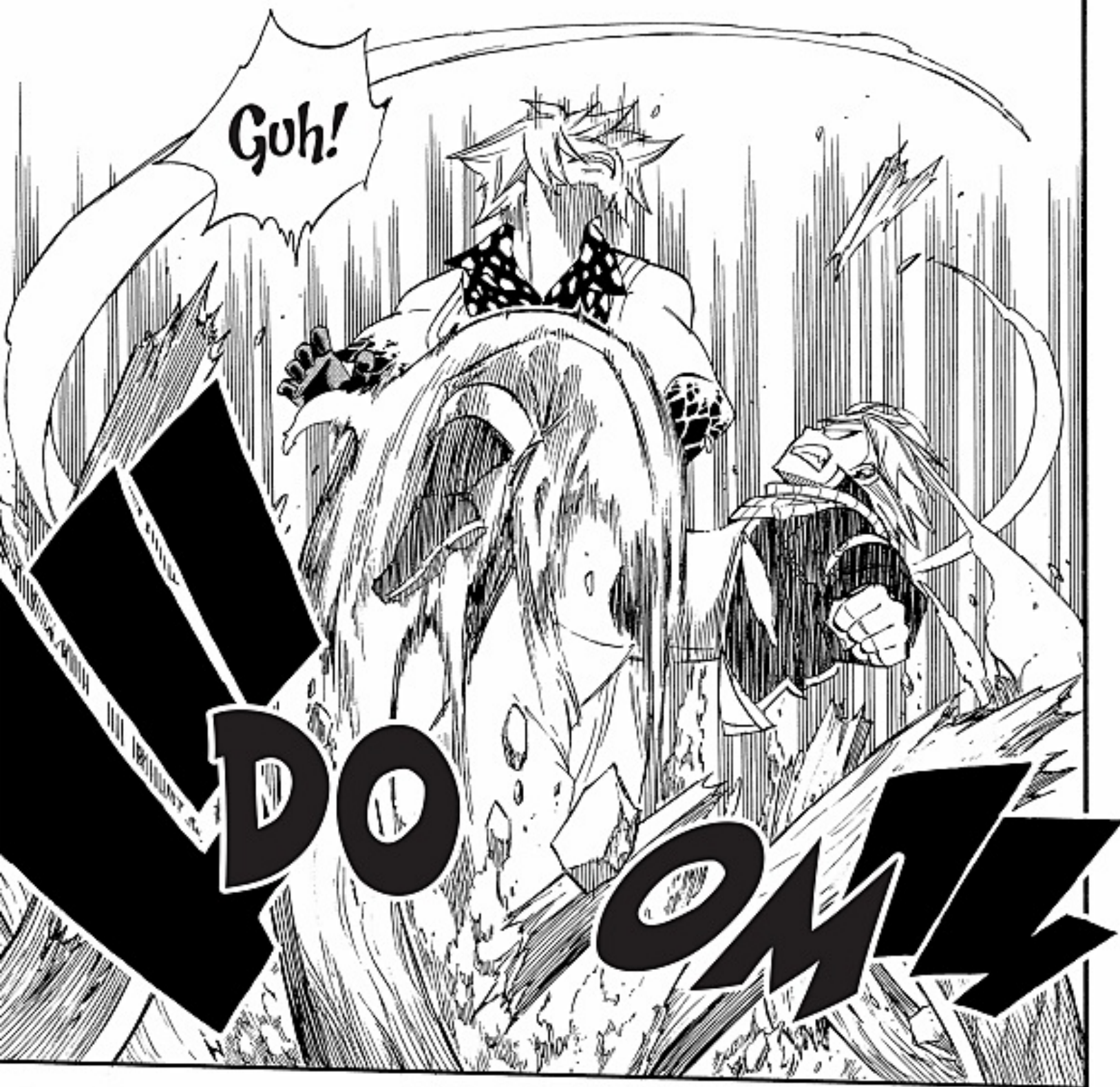
He's
eating
my
explo...

What is
this guy?!









*I
didn't
know
they
were
so...
!!!!*



*This is the first
time I've ever
seen a Fairy Tail
wizard fighting
up close...*

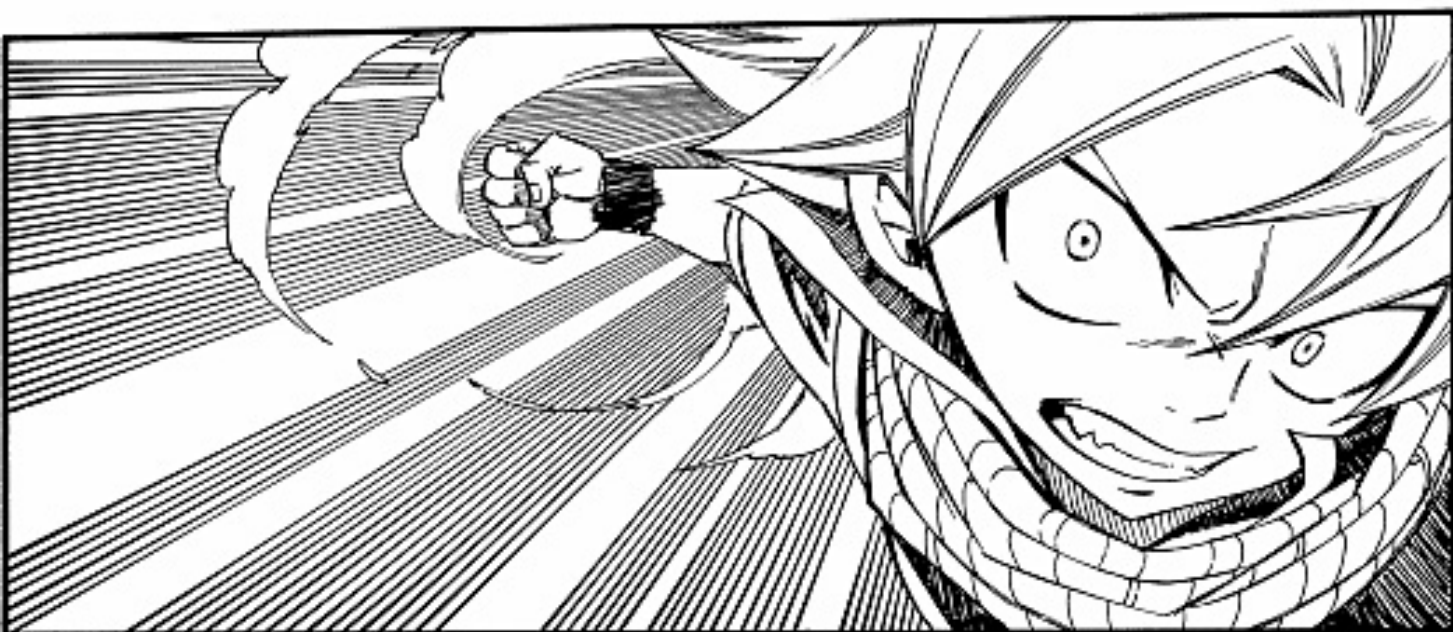


...But there's
one thing I
gotta tell ya!



Gah
hah
hah!

Yer
pretty
fun!



Wait...







...



And their goal.



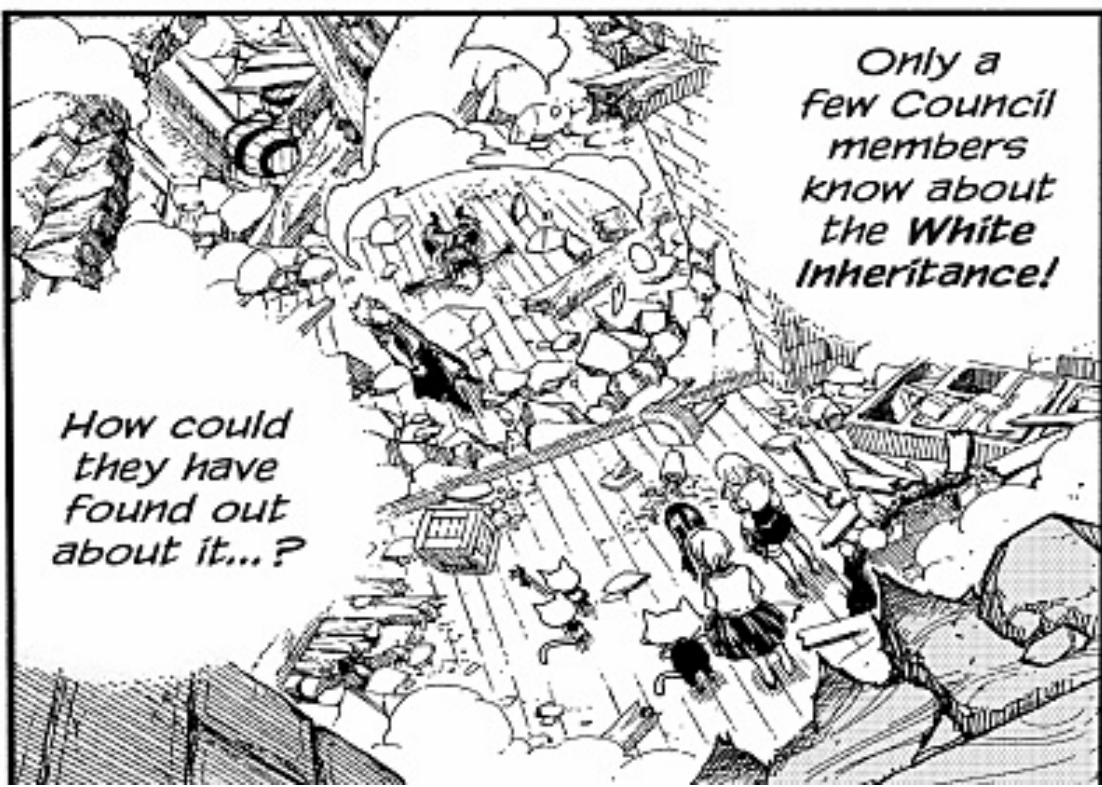
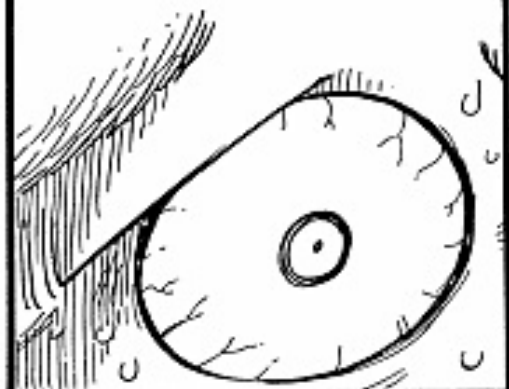
Oh, yeah. We were supposed to get his secret base outta him.

...then this could be very bad...

If they're after "Face"...



No... My first concern should be to hide myself...



*Only a few Council members know about the **White Inheritance!***

How could they have found out about it...?



I don't know anything!!!! Ask somebody else!!!! Really, I don't know anything about it!!!!



That little...

'Cause if you tell me what I wanna know, I might just let you live.

むく
GWIP



Hey!!! What are you lot doing standing around?!!! He just sat up, you know!!!! Take him down again, you fools!!!!

That little...



Yeah, I get it.

Then that means you gotta die, huh?



?!

Listen when a guy starts talking to you!!!

And then there's you!!



SHIIIIII

What's this?!!

!!

SHIIING

And how many times do you think *you* did?

My curse power. Anybody who touches me becomes a bomb.

SHIIING

But...

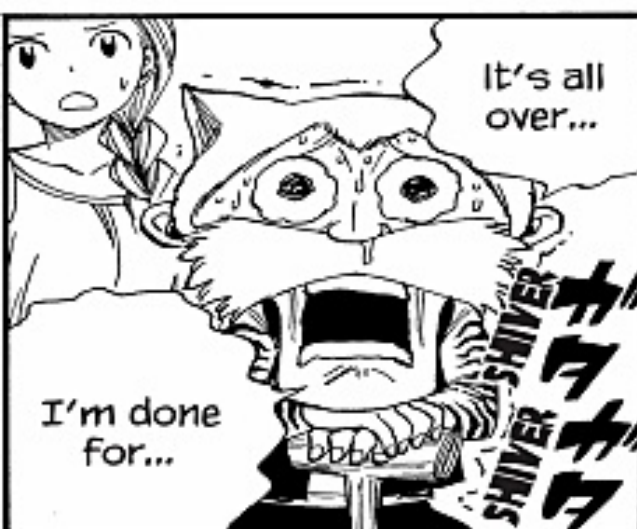
Hurry !!!

Everybody, get away from me !!!!

Natsu !!!

Kh!





FAIRY TAIL

Chapter 361: Two Bombs



BLUE PEGASUS

Name: Eve Tearm Age: 23

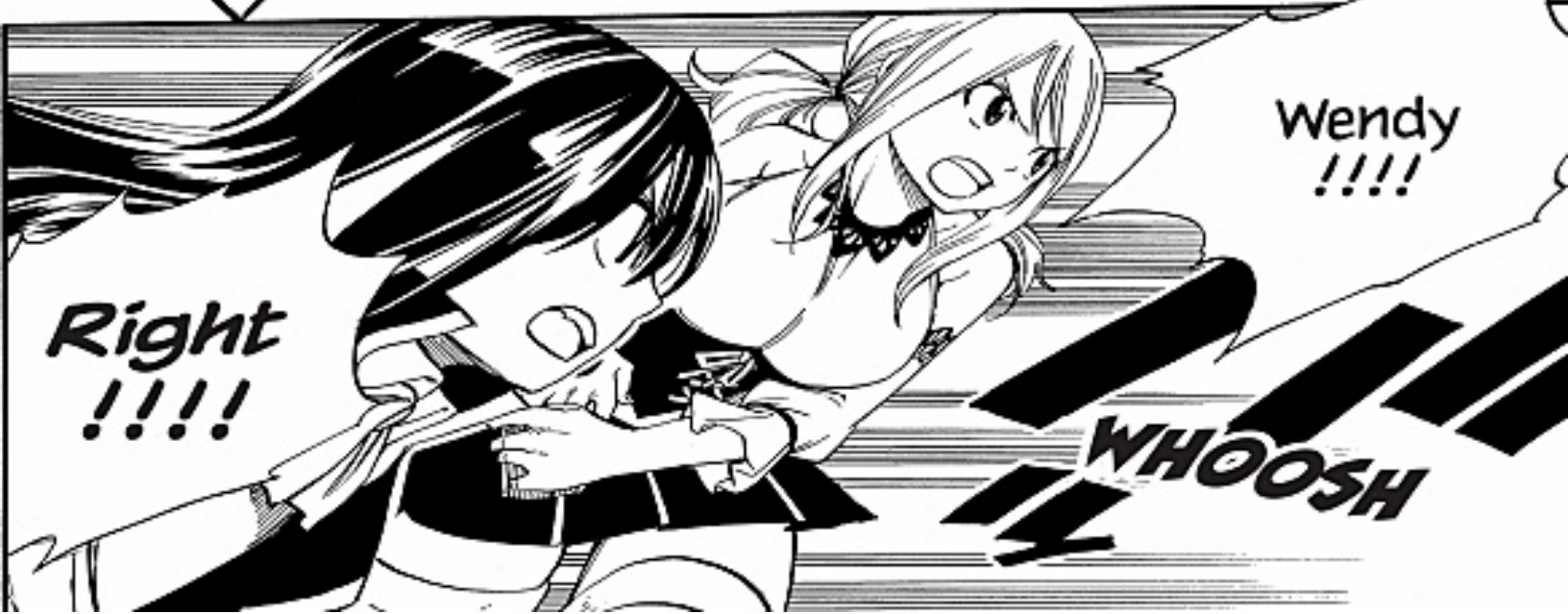
Magic:
Snow Magic

Likes: Dislikes:
Big-sister-type girls Bell peppers

Remarks

Before he joined Blue Pegasus, Eve was a member of the Magic Council's forces in the Arrest and Custody Division. At the time, he was considered a child prodigy, but for unknown reasons, he wound up in Blue Pegasus. One explanation attributes it to headhunting by Master Bob.

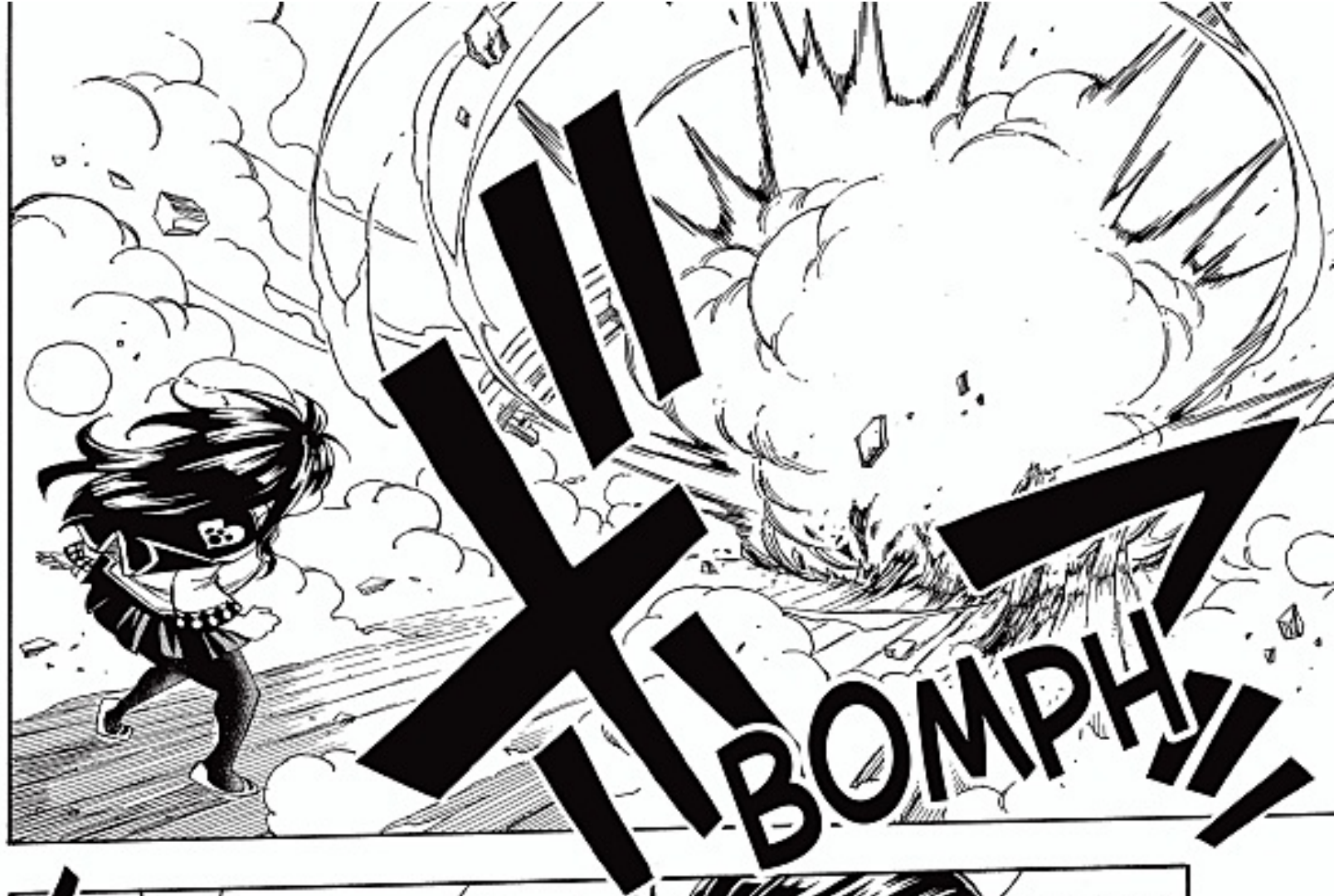
Once inside the guild, he played the part of everyone's little brother, but as he aged, he began to wonder how long he could keep that character going. Recently, he's been thinking of becoming a brainy type like Hibiki.





*sky Dragon's Roar









Kah ha ha!!
I guess I
forgot to
mention it!



He...
can shield
himself from
magic with the
winds from his
explosions!!!



We use
curses!!!
They make
magic look
like *child's*
play!!!

Me and the
other members
of Tartaros don't
bother with that
magic crap!



No wizard
can hope to
compete!!

SWOOOOO



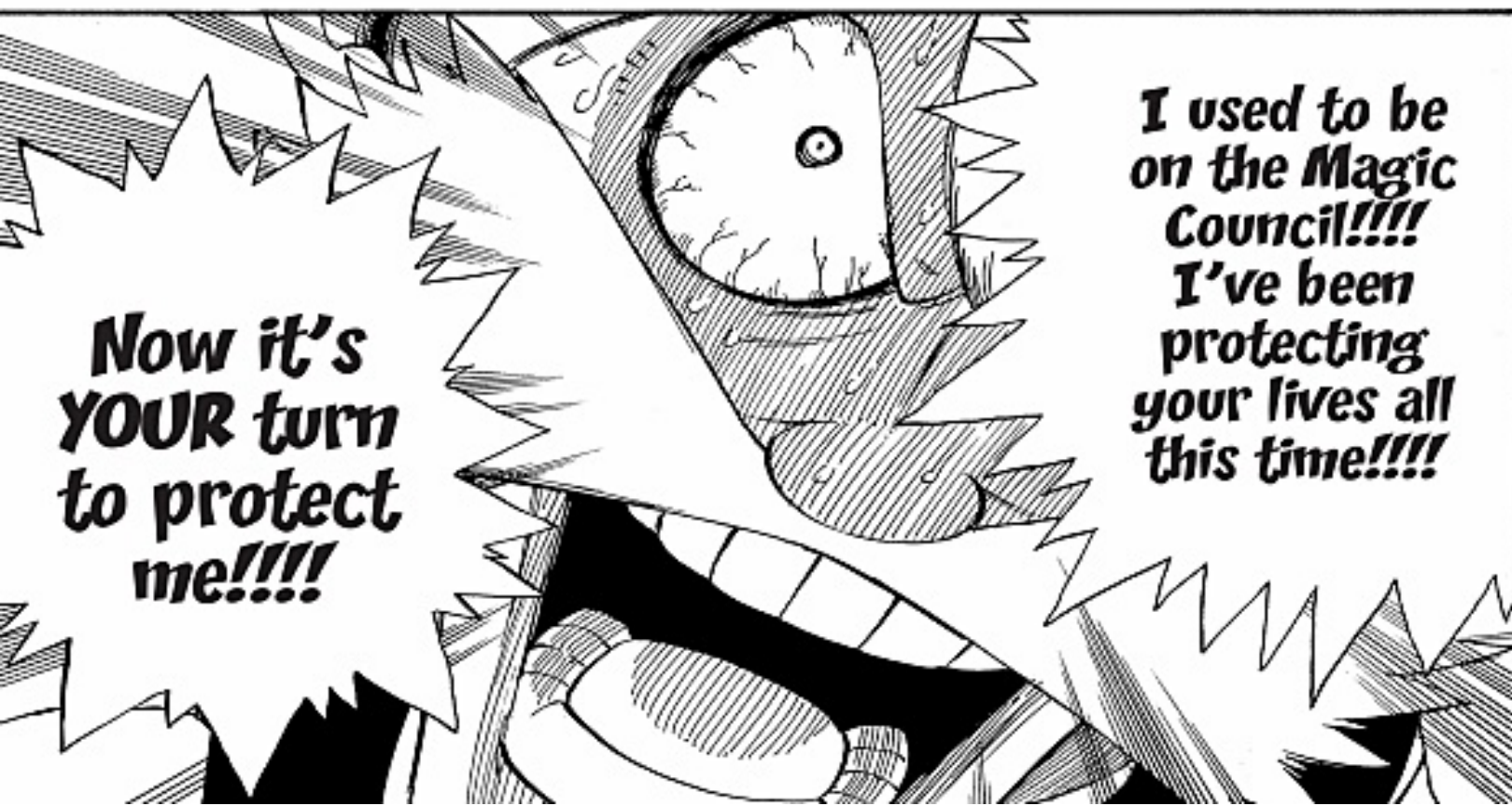
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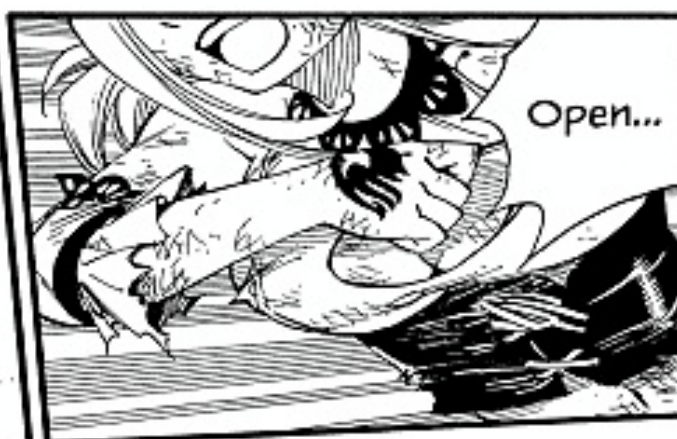
*Spiral Blast

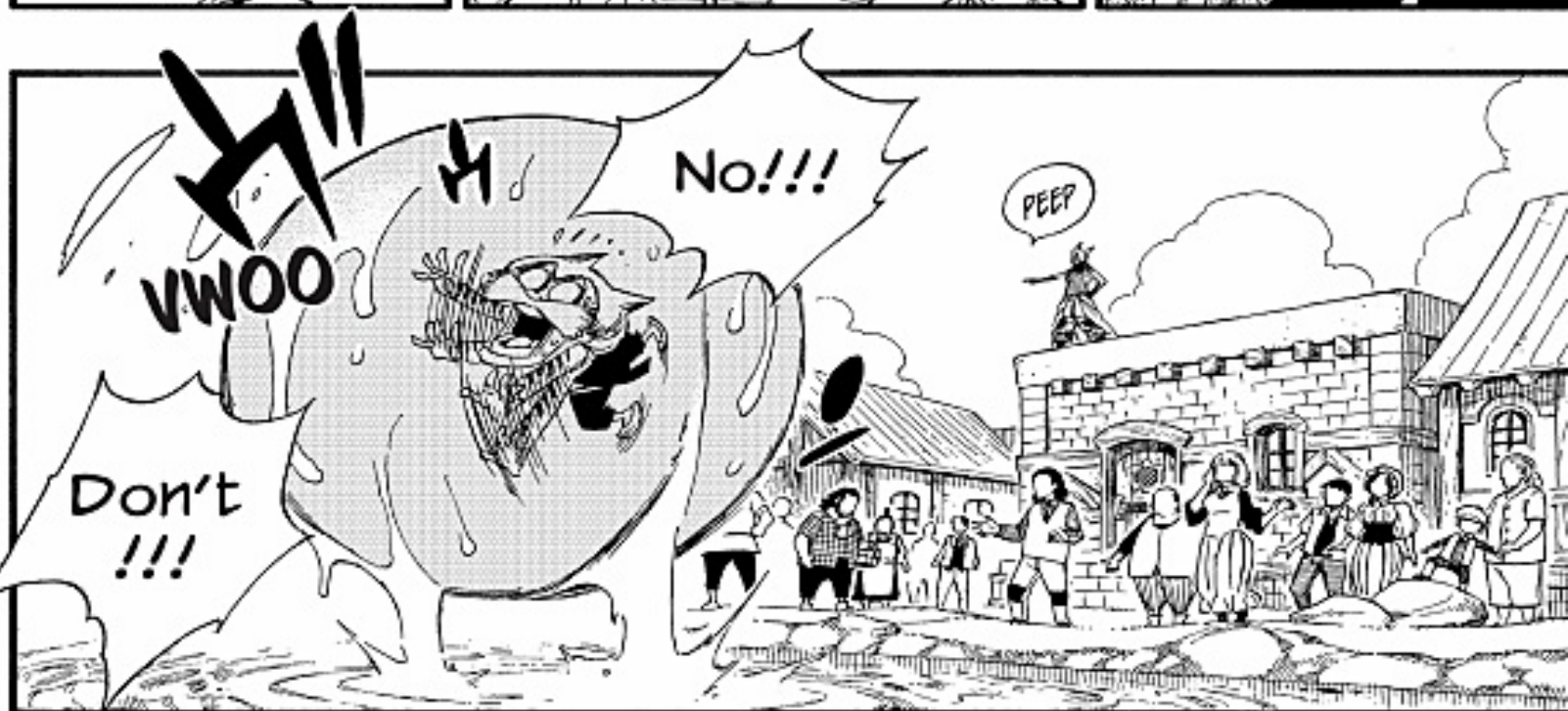


















Kah ha ha
ha ha ha
ha ha!!!



Don't
forget...
Move, and it'll
be *you* that
goes boom.

And you'll
make *both*
of them go
kaboom
too.

Urk...



You have to save me!!!! *Me!!!!*
Which of the two of us has done
more good for the world?!!!
There's no need to even think
about it!!!!



...



It's all
right...
Don't
worry...

Your
mommy
is here for
you!

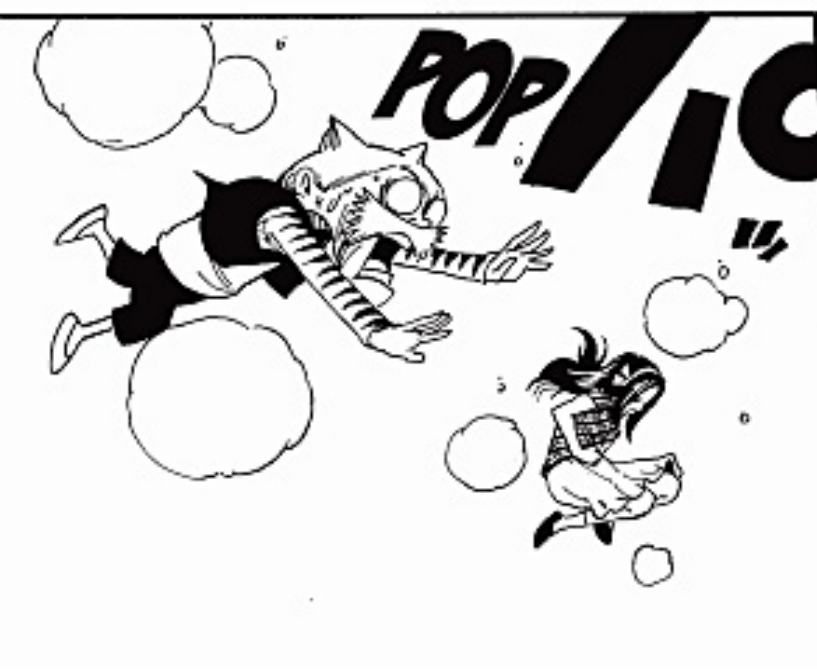


Now... Which
life do you
choose...

...Fairy
Tail?!!!



Uhn...





**I
choose
to take
your
head
!!!!**

DOKOON





Take a
nap!

You get
on my
nerves.



You went
and touched
me again!
Kah ha ha!!

You're a
slow learner,
ain't cha?

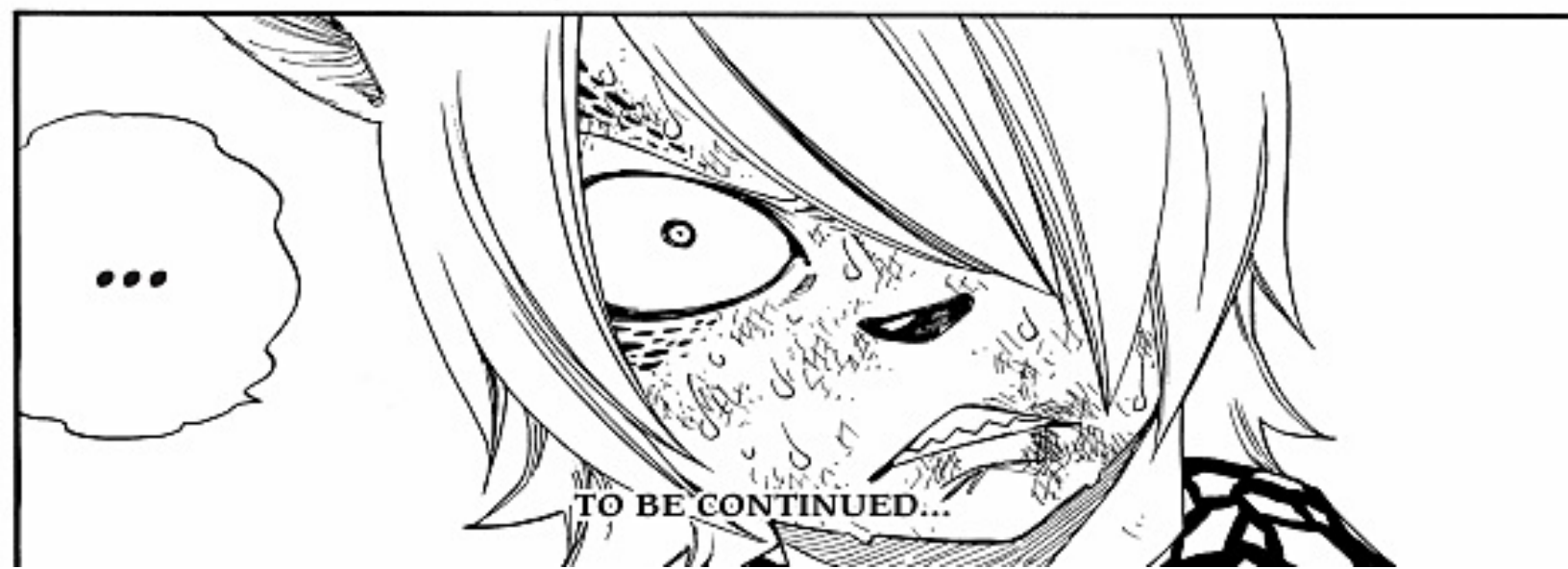


Figured
it out?



I figured
that one
out.

FLASH
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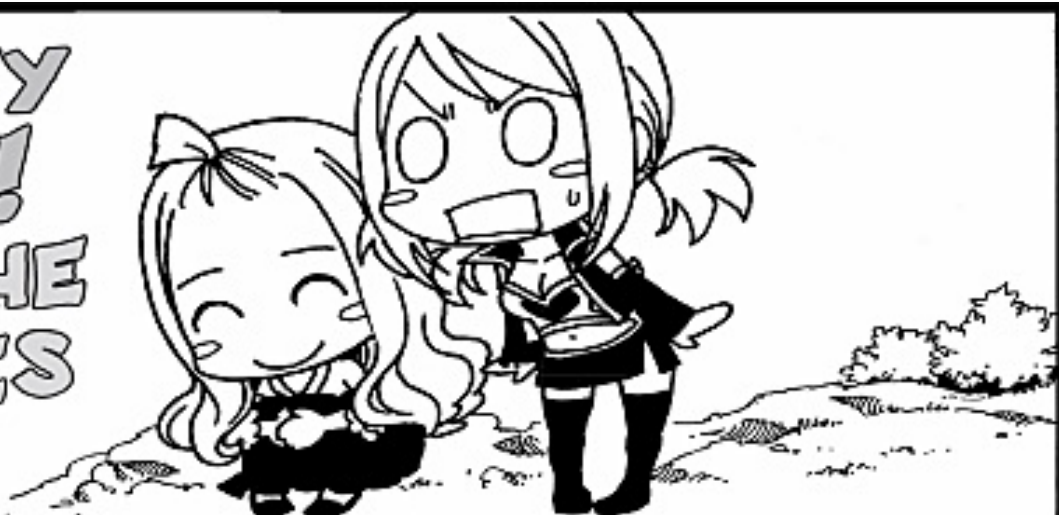
Afterword

Now we've plunged into the Tartaros arc. For this, I changed up my methods a bit and am making a 6-7 chapter short arcs. And calling each of the small sections "prologue," "part 1," "part 2," and so on. That's how I'm thinking of going. And to tell the truth, I know how many parts this is supposed to run, but I'm going to keep it a secret because it'd be really embarrassing if the schedule got off-track. (Ha ha!)

On a different subject, there are going to be a lot of new characters appearing in this arc. I don't have much time, and some of them have complicated designs, but I have to say, I'm really enjoying the character of Kyōka. In the near future, she's going to be doing a bunch of cruel things.

One of the delights of a battle manga is imagining what would happen if this villain character faced off against that character from the hero's group. The same holds true for the author, since it's really cool setting up simulations in my mind when pitting one character against another to see if it's interesting. And then there are characters who are created especially to fight a battle against a specific character. In this case, that'd have to be Silver. When that person battles the person they're set up for, you can be sure there will be a few hot plot twists. This arc will clear up a large mystery that's been running through this entire series! It'd make me really happy if you'd read it all the way to its conclusion!

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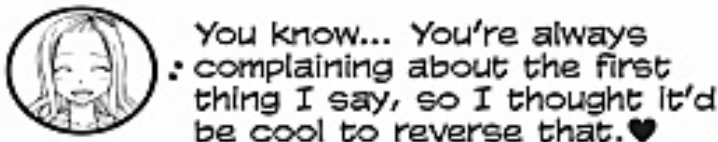
At the Fairy Tail counter...

Lucy: Hey, everybody!! Hi there!!

Mira: What's that about?!



: Huh?



You know... You're always complaining about the first thing I say, so I thought it'd be cool to reverse that.♥

Lucy: But...I didn't say anything weird.

Mira: What's that about?!

Lucy: I get the feeling this time is going to wear me out.

Mira: First question.

If Zeref can't see or hear Mavis in Vol. 40, then how can they have a conversation?



Lucy: A lot of people wrote in wondering about that.

Mira: Who's "a lot" about?!



: Sigh...

Mira: First, remember that the first master can hear Zeref's voice just fine.

Lucy: Now you're suddenly serious?!

Mira: So the problem is with Zeref, right? He isn't supposed to hear the first master's voice, but he can still carry on a conversation.

Lucy: So... telepathy or something?



: This isn't an ESP manga, dummy! (slap)



: Ow! It's a magic manga.

Mira: So since it's magic, you think you can do anything you want, dummy? (Slap!)

Lucy: Ow!!

Mira: What's, "Ow!" about? (Slap!)



: Come on, Mira-san! We aren't getting anywhere with this...

Mira: What's "Come on," about? (Slap slap!)



: Ow, ow!!

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Mira: I think the two of them have something within them that transcends words or existence.

Lucy: I see... In other words, they can sort of communicate from consciousness to consciousness?

Mira: Lets us give it a try, huh?



: Ow!

Mira: Lucy, I sense you're in pain.



: That's because I just said, "Ow!"

Mira: Okay, next question.

Minerva
wears striped
panties, huh?
That's cute.



Lucy: Hey, that isn't a question!!!

Mira: Mine are all lacey! ♥



: You don't have to go announcing it!!!



: And Lucy, you like to go au naturel under there, right?



: I wear underwear!!!!

What is
Duun?



Lucy: How should I know?!!!

Mira: Hey, we have to answer this properly before the question corner is over!

Lucy: But there's no meaning to "Duun!" I mean, it's just, "Duun!"

Mira: Perhaps not. But even if, "Duun," has no meaning, "Superduun," has a meaning, right?



: Huh?



: Superduun is at least twice what Duun is.

Lucy: ...

Mira: It's a very super "duun."

Lucy: Um...

Mira: If I say it this way, it has a lot of meaning:

SUPERBEEN!



: **WHERE DID**
DUUN GO?!!!

Mira: I think that wraps things up with a duun!

Lucy: And in the end, I'm still the one complaining about what you say.



: Yeah. What's that about?

Lucy: Okay... Now I'm exhausted...

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GUILD

Who
done
it?!! I
think
the
glancing
Happy
is really
cute!

Hyogo Prefecture, Yui Kisei



Yamanashi Prefecture, Yuki



▲ Ah ha ha! Why are they combined in this way?! It says Natsu Perfume...

Shizuoka Prefecture, Hyōsuke Ando



▲ Gajeel as the Iron-Shadow Dragon version! He looks tough!



Hyogo Prefecture, Kanon Yagi

▲ All the dragon slayers unite!! I wonder if they're going to be able to fight dragons again?!

Shizuoka Prefecture, Chiyo Shimoyama



▲ A combination of a former rich girl and a present princess. I wanted to draw more interaction between them.

Saitama Prefecture, Nanami Shimada



▲ Ohh! The two as kids! Now that's a cute image!

REJECTION CORNER

Wait...
You're
making
a funny
there,
aren't
you?
Heh
heh...



Fukuoka, Suzuna

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Tokyo, Tomoka Sato



▲ Wow! You drew this really cute! Her outfit can only be found in a special version calendar making it a rare Juvia!

Chiba Prefecture, Okumura



▲ What a great picture! It has this ethereal quality! Mira-chan is going to have a great part in this arc!

Kanagawa Prefecture, Kumi Ebizuka



▲ The new series is about to start! Watch for it!!

Miyagi Prefecture, Sari



▲ I heard a lot of people say how much they love these two. Happiness binge!

Kagawa Prefecture, Sumiko



▲ Lucy in a sailor uniform! This is cute! Is she leaving Happy behind?

Tokyo, Yocchi



▲ I'm sure Wendy will have a big part too! Be sure to watch for it, okay?

Aichi Prefecture, 3A is the Best



▲ The nine gates came really quickly! But we're missing two here...

Tokyo, Misa Matsuo



▲ Minerva has been rocketing up in popularity recently. I really like her too.



You shall
give this
one more
sport, hm?

Ah...

Plots, betrayals, torture...

**The deeds of demons that will send
unstoppable tingles down your spine!**



Don't go
saying a
filthy name
like that.

**And the beginning of the
countdown to Fairy Tail's destruction!!**



**Finding their hideout and facing his
greatest peril...**

**...Natsu, fiery with rage, punches
his way into the enemy base!!**

...the word
"mercy"
is nowhere
to be
found.

In the
demon
stories...

Tartaros throws a terror party!

The fairies
will be
destroyed
from within.

They send fatal plots against the fairies!



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Fairy Tail 42

WHERE'D THE
COVER FOR THE
GRAPHIC NOVEL
GO...?



HIRO 真島ヒロ MASHIRO



FROM HIRO MASHIMA



The new TV anime series is just starting! It's been so long since I last saw everybody from the cast and staff, when I finally did see them, I was as happy as if I had just met up with everyone from my guild again! There will be little details where the new series will be a power-up of the old, so watch it! I'm sure you'll really enjoy it!

Translation Notes:

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

Page 20, Kyôka

Like Natsu (meaning "summer"), Kyôka is obviously a Japanese word, but unlike Natsu, Kyôka isn't one that is normally accepted as a Japanese name. So odds are her name is based on the meaning of a Japanese word pronounced *kyôka*. We can go over some of the words it probably isn't, like a bridge girder, a satirical poem or an offering of flowers, but one translation stands out as a probability. When she is first introduced, she describes her powers as making humans stronger, so we can assume the meaning of her name is the Japanese word *kyôka* which means to "enhance" or "strengthen." Another outside possibility is to "instruct" or "enlighten," but I would think "enhancing" is closer to her position (so far) in the story. Of course later events could prove me wrong.



Page 14, Women's bath

You may have heard that Japanese bathe in mixed company. It's true that there are mixed baths scattered here and there throughout the country, but they are rare. More common, even for small hot springs, is to section off women's baths from men's.

Page 79, Dôjigiri

One of the most famous swords in Japan was said to have been made by the great sword maker Amakuni Yasutsuna in the Heian period (794-1185) of Japan's history. It got its name because of a legend where it was used to cut off the head of an *oni* (Japanese ogre) leader, Shuten Dôji, so its name translates to "Dôji cutter." The blade still exists and was displayed last year at the Tokyo National Museum. It is said that although it is more than 900 years old, the blade is as clear as the day it was made.

Page 104, Agito

Agito means "jaw," but it is considered a far cooler way of saying it than the more common word, *ago*. In fact, the word is consider cool enough to have a Kamen Rider series named after it in the early 2000s. Other anime and game characters have also been named Agito.



Page 145, Tsundere

As mentioned in the notes for Volume 16, *tsundere* is a word for characters who pretend to be annoyed and unfeeling toward another character whereas they are actually madly in love. The word comes from two onomatopoeic words, *tsun tsun*, the sound of poking someone, and *dere dere*, the sound of cuddling. The two together refer to a type of personality that is angry and prickly at one moment, and loving the next. It's mostly used for female characters, although, as Ren demonstrates, there can be male *tsundere* characters, too.

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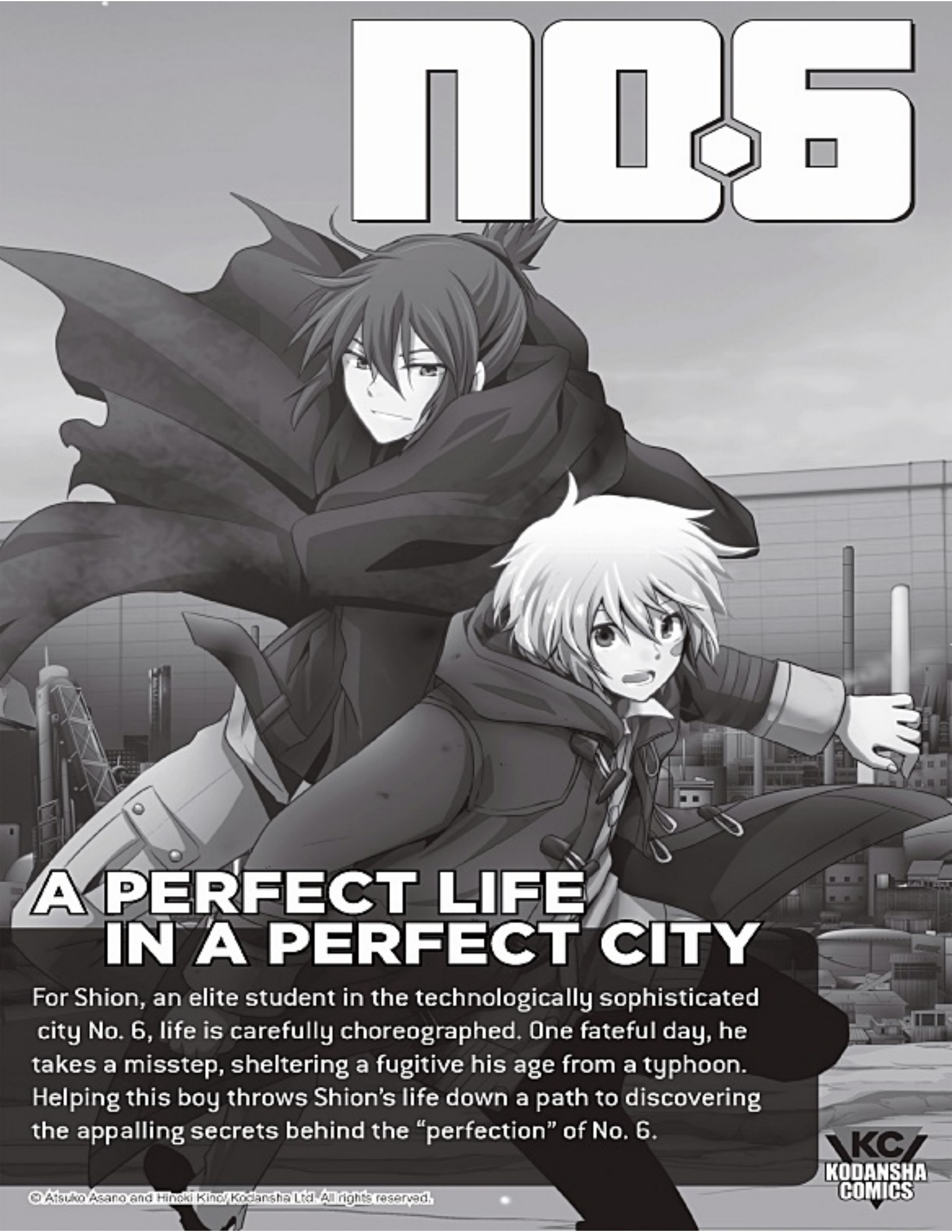


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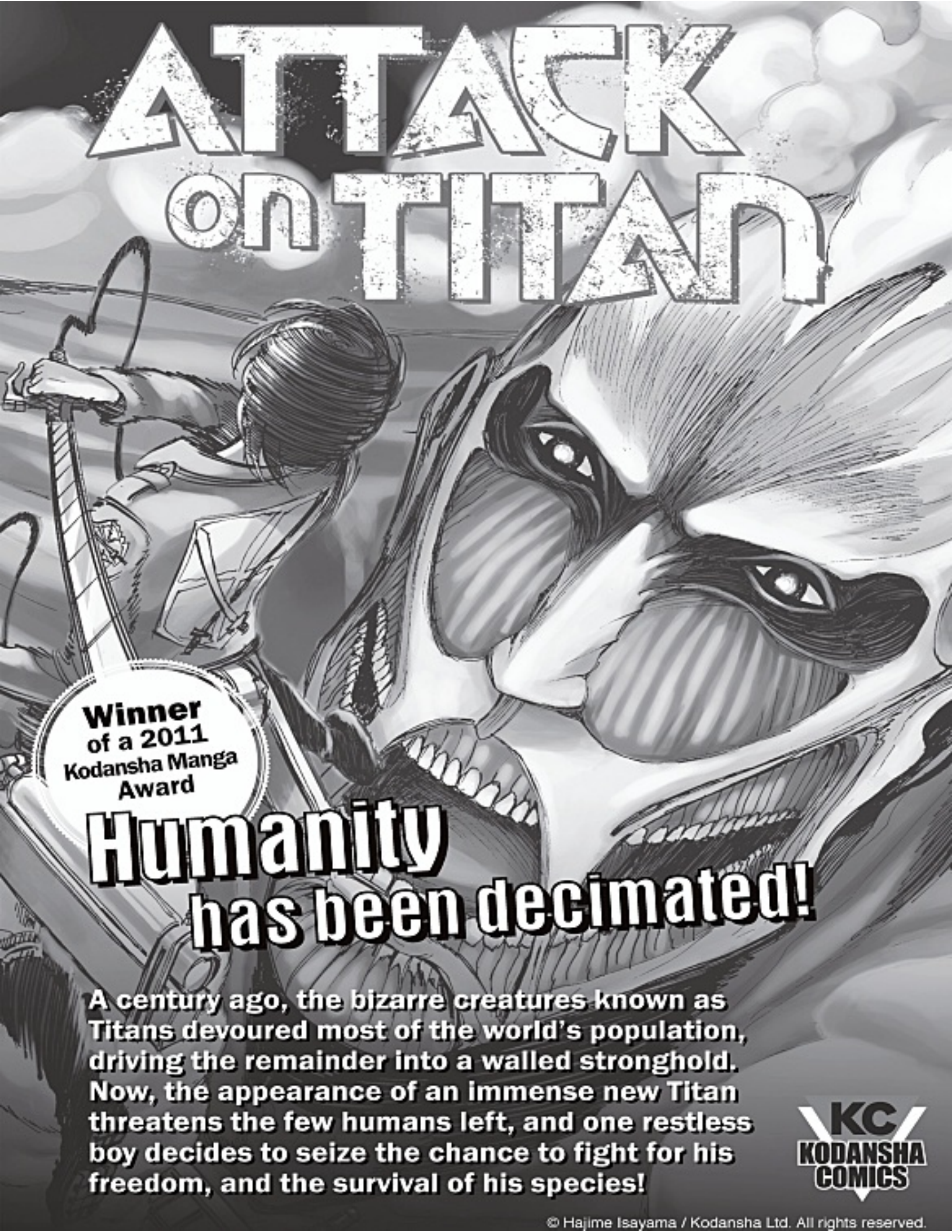
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LIKE
ZOMBIE
GIRLS."**



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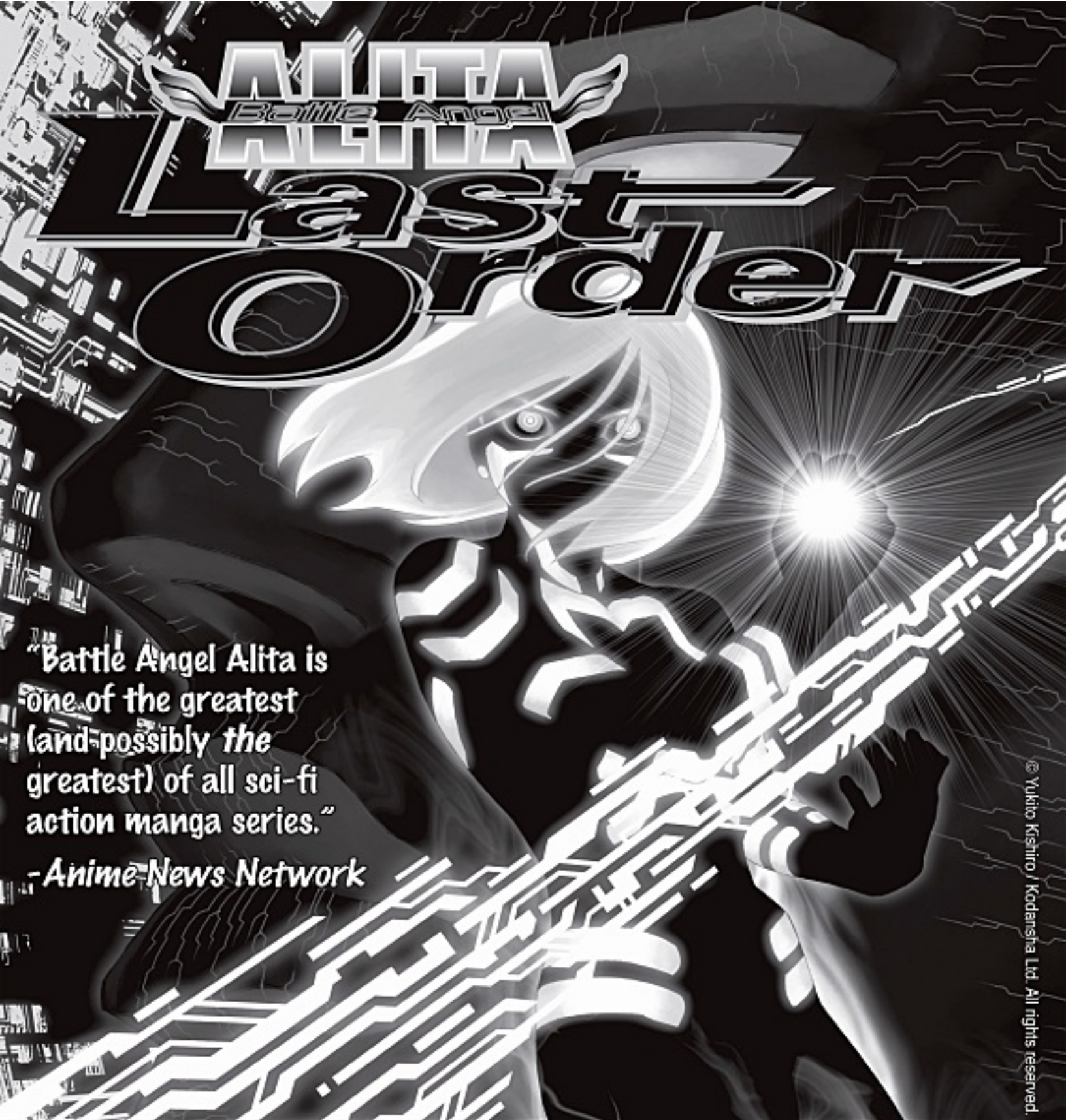


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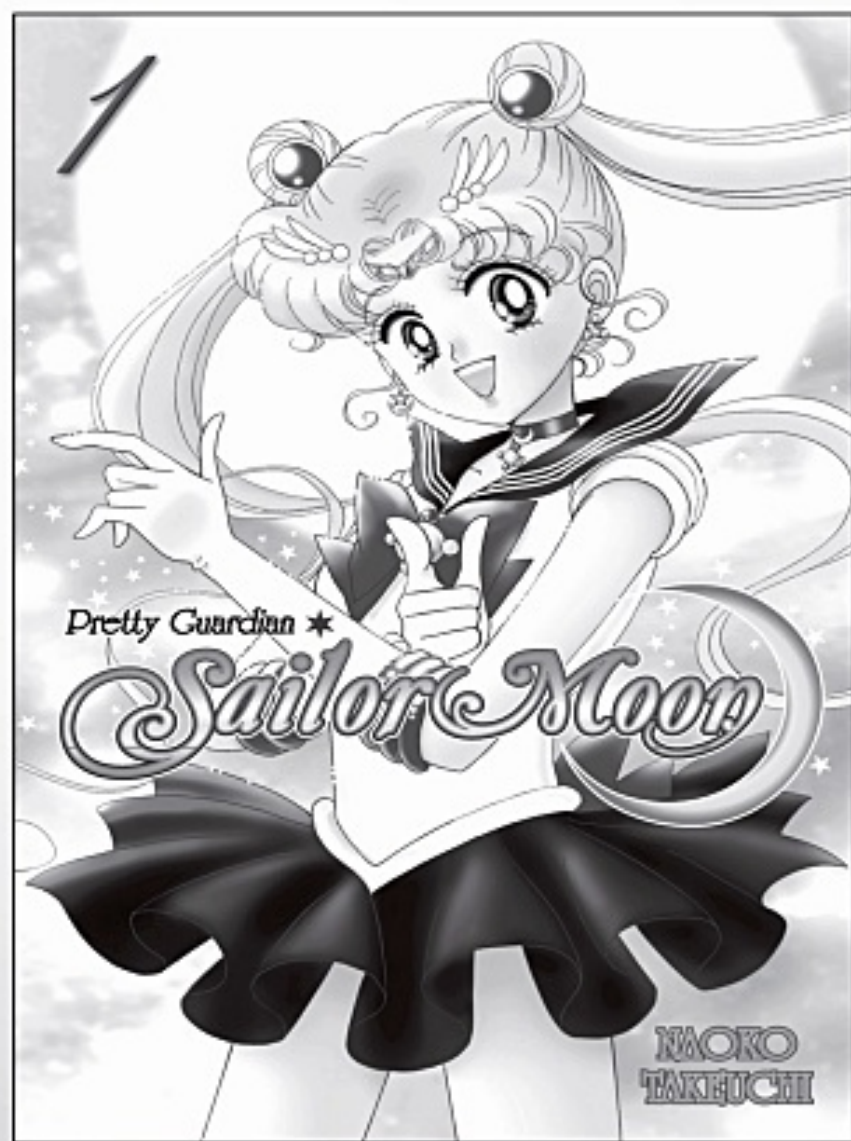


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